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MINUTES

OF THE

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

OF THE

UNITED COUNTIES

OF

YORK, ONTARIO, AND PEEL.

FIRST MEETING, 1853.

MONDAY, 24*th January*, 1853. (*First Day.*)

The Reeves and Deputy Reeves of the several Townships and Incorporated Villages of the said United Counties took their seats—that is to say:—

George Evans, *Reeve*, and
John Evans, *Deputy*, for the Township of Albion.
George Brabazon, *Reeve*, and
Nathaniel Bolster, *Deputy*, " Brock.

Wm. Allan, *Reeve*,
Thomas Sharp, *Deputy*, for the Township of Chinguacousy.

John Richardson, *Reeve*,
John Kirkwood, *Deputy*, " Caledon.

Joseph Smith, *Reeve*,
Andrew Ward, *Deputy*, " Etobicoke.

John Boyd, *Reeve*, " Georgina.

David Sprague, *Reeve*, " N. Gwillimbury.

Henry D. Stiles, *Reeve*,
Joshua P. Harrison, *Deputy*, " E. Gwillimbury.

John Slightholme, *Reeve*, " Gore of Toronto.

George Hughes, *Reeve*,
John D. Phillips, *Deputy*, " King.

Henry Miller, *Reeve*,
John Reesor, *Deputy*, " Markham.

James S. Garnett, *Reeve*, " Mara & Rama.

John M. Lumsden, *Reeve*,
Peter Taylor, *Deputy*, " Pickering.

James K. French, *Reeve*,
Prosper A. Hurd, *Deputy*, " Reach & Scugog.

John P. Wheeler, *Reeve*,
George Stephenson, *Deputy*, " Scarboro.

James Galloway, *Reeve*, " Scott.

James Wright, *Reeve*,
S. Price, *Deputy*, " Toronto.

Donald Cameron, *Reeve*, " Thorah.

Joseph Gould, *Reeve*, " Uxbridge.

John W. Gamble, *Reeve*,
David Bridgford, *Deputy*, " Vaughan.

James Rowe, *Reeve*,
James Burns, *Deputy*, " Whitby.

Joseph Hartman, *Reeve*,
Robert H. Smith, *Deputy*, " Whitchurch.

William James, *Reeve*,
William Mulholland, *Deputy*, " York.

John Lynch, *Reeve*, Incorporated Village of Brampton.

Thos. N. Gibbs, *Reeve*, " Oshawa.

James Dobson, *Reeve*, " Yorkville.

The Clerk called over the Roll, and the above named Reeves and Deputy Reeves answered to their names.

It was then moved by Mr Ward, seconded by Mr. D. Bridgford,

That John W. Gamble, Esq., be the Warden for the present year.

Decided in the negative.

YEAS.—G. Evans, John Evans, J. Smith, Ward, Price, Wright, Galloway, Lynch, Gibbs, Boyd, Bridgford, Rowe, Burns, Stephenson, Richardson—15.

NAYS.—Dobson, Mulholland, James, Brabazon, Bolster, Harrison, Stiles, Taylor, Lumsden, R. H. Smith, Slightholme, Gould, Phillips, Hughes, Sharp, Allen, Sprague, Garnett Miller, Reesor, Kirkwood, Wheeler—22.

It was then moved by Mr. Gould, seconded by Mr Allen,

That Joseph Hartman Esq., be the Warden for the present year.

Carried in the affirmative.

YEAS.—Dobson, Mulholland, James, Hurd, French, Brabazon, Bolster, Harrison, Stiles, Cameron, Lumsden, Taylor, R. H. Smith, Gould, Slightholm, Sprague, Phillips, Hughes, Sharp, Allen, Kirkwood, Wheeler, Reesor, Miller, Garnett,—25.

NAYS.—G. Evans, John Evans, J. Smith, Ward, Price, Wright, Lynch, Galloway, Gibbs, Burns, Rowe, Bridgford, Stephenson, Richardson, Boyd,—15.

The Warden elect took the Chair and addressed the Council.

The Council adjourned for one hour.

At half past 4, the Council met.

The Warden in the Chair.

The Warden laid on the table his oath of office, duly sworn to.

Mr Ward, seconded by Mr. Gould, moves,

That a select committee of five members, be selected by ballot, to nominate the standing committees on Finance and Assessment: Education, Roads, Bridges, &c., County Property, House of Industry and Gaol Management, Contingencies, and Printing.

Carried.

The Council then proceeded to the ballot, and the Warden declared that Messrs Gamble, Gould, Gibbs, Lynch and Price, had been selected.

Mr. Gibbs seconded by Mr. Lynch moves,

That a committee composed of Messrs Gamble, Gould Lynch, Taylor, and the mover, be appointed to examine the standing rules of this Council, and to report upon the propriety of making any amendments or additions thereto.

Carried.

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, 25*th January*, 1853. (*Second Day.*)

The Council met.

The Warden in the chair.

Names called over.

Minutes of yesterday read.

The Warden read and laid on the table several communications &c., viz:

From the Provincial Secretary, acknowledging the receipt of three memorials addressed to the Governor General.

From Rev. Mr. Osler, Township Superintendent of Albion, to be reappointed to that office.

From Mr. Stoddart, Township Superintendent of Toronto, to be reappointed to that office.

From the Provincial Secretary, enclosing a copy of the presentment of Grand Jury at the Fall Assizes, on the subject of Jail accommodation, with an extract of Mr. Justice Burns's charge to the Grand Jury; together with a correspondence between Mr. Chief Justice Robinson and the late Warden on the same subject, with a letter from Mr. Burns, enclosing copy of the said presentment.

From the same, enclosing an account for Books furnished the County Register.

From the Treasurer of the Kingston and Toronto Railway Company.

From the Clerk of the Township of York, enclosing certain Resolutions adopted by the Township Council.

From Mr. D. Higgins, Superintendent of Schools for the first circuit, resigning that office.

Communication from the Treasurer of the County of Simcoe, in reference to a claim by that County.

The Warden laid on the table the Report of the County Auditors on Treasurer's accounts for the quarters ending 30th June, and 30th September last, with vouchers.

Mr. Taylor gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, move that the Council do go into Committee of the whole, to consider the propriety of suggesting to the Legislature some alterations or amendments in the Assessment Act.

Mr. Gould gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, move for the appointment of an Auditor.

The Chairman of the select Committee appointed to nominate standing Committees for the year, brought in a Report which was read,

And on motion of Mr. Gamble,

Ordered to be adopted.

Mr. Gibbs, seconded by Mr. Rowe, moves,

That when this Council adjourns on Saturday next, it stand adjourned to the first Monday in May, or to such other period as shall be appointed by the Legislature.

Carried.

Mr. James gives notice that he will on to-morrow, move for the appointment of a Superintendent of Schools for the Township of York.

Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Wright, moves,

That when this Council adjourns to-day, it stands adjourned until 9 o'clock A.M., through the remainder of the Session, and that the first Rule of the Council be suspended for that purpose.

Carried.

Mr. Lynch, seconded by Mr. Gibbs, moves that it be resolved

1. That the practice of admitting Gentlemen to take their seats as members of this Council, without the certificates and formalities which the law requires, is injudicious and undignified, and ought to be discontinued.

Carried.

2. That hereafter no Reeve or Deputy Reeve of any municipality in these Counties, shall be permitted to take his seat as a member of this Council, unless and until he shall deposit with the Clerk of this Council the proper certificates and documents required by the Statute, and that the Clerk do communicate the substance of this Resolution to each municipality, accompanied by a reference to such statutory requirements, and a form of certificate for the Reeve and Deputy Reeve.

Carried.

J. W. Gamble, Esq. laid on the table certain Parliamentary Documents, as a present to the Council, for their use and reference.

Mr. Gould, seconded by Mr. R. H. Smith, moves,

That the thanks of this Council be, and they are hereby tendered, to J. W. Gamble, Esq. M.P.P., for the parliamentary papers and books, now presented to the Council.

Carried.

The Council adjourned at 1, P.M., until 7, P.M., when the Warden took the chair.

Petitions Presented:

Of Thomas Nixon, local superintendent of schools for the fourth circuit, to be re-appointed to that office, and for an increase of salary—by Mr. R. H. Smith.

Of David Mitchell, Treasurer of the united townships of Reach and Scugog, praying the Council to decide respecting a matter in dispute between him and the County Treasurer: by Mr. Taylor.

Which was read.

Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Lumsden, moves,

That the Council do now resolve itself into a committee of the whole on the petition of David Mitchell.

Carried.

The Council went into committee of the whole.

Mr. Allan in the chair.

The Committee rose and reported a resolution.

Report received.

And it was

Resolved, That the petition of the Treasurer of the united townships of Reach and Scugog be referred to the standing committee on finance and assessment.

Adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, 26*th January*, 1853. (*Third Day.*)

The Council met.

The Warden in the Chair.

Names called over.

Minutes of yesterday read.

The Warden laid on the Table a Communication (No 1,) from the County Treasurer enclosing abstracts of the state of the Finances, &c.

Also Communication (No 2,) enclosing letters from the Treasurer of Simcoe, on the subject of a claim upon the United Counties, and from Mr. Mulholland, the purchaser of the Old Court House.

PETITIONS PRESENTED:—

From the Rev. James Pringle, Superintendent of Schools for Chinguacousy, and Gore of Toronto, for an additional allowance: by Mr. Lynch.

From T. C. Prosser of Albion, for the office of Circuit Superintendent of Common Schools for West Riding: by Mr. John Evans.

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From the same praying that the Rev. H. B. Osler, be re-appointed Township Superintendent of Schools, for the Township of Albion: by Mr. G. Evans.

Mr. Bridgford, seconded by Mr. Slightholme, moves,

That Mr. R. H. Smith be allowed leave of absence for the remainder of the pressent Session.

Carried.

Mr. Gamble, seconded by Mr. Bridgford, moves,

That the Communication from Mr. Mulholland, be referred to the Commissioners on County Property, with instructions to report thereon, to this Council during the present session.

Carried.

Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Lynch, moves,

That the Council do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider the propriety of petitioning the Legislature, to make such alteration in the Assessment Act, as will allow of property being assessed in the fall, or some other more convenient period than that which the law requires.

Carried.

The Council went into Committee of the whole.

Mr. Ward in the Chair.

The Committee rose, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again this day.

Report received.

Mr. Ward, seconded by Mr. Mulholland, moves,

That Mr. Robert Moore be appointed one of the Auditors for the present year.

Carried.

Mr. Ward, seconded by Mr. J. Smith, moves,

That it be resolved, that in order to conduce to the greater efficiency of Common Schools in the first School circuit, it is advisable that that circuit be divided into four Superintendencies, and a local Superintendent appointed for each Township, and that the standing committee on Education be instructed to prepare a by-law for that purpose.

Carried.

YEAS.—Bridgford, Bolster, Boyd, Dobson, G. Evans, J. Evans, French, Garnett, Harrison, Hughes, James, Kirkwood, Price, Reesor, Lynch, Miller, Mulholland, Philips, Richardson, Sharp, J. Smith, R. H. Smith, Slightholme, Stiles, Sprague, Wright, Ward—27.

NAYS.—Burns, Cameron, Gamble, Gould, Lumsden, Stephenson, Taylor—7.

At 1, P.M., the Warden left the chair, and the Council resumed at 7, P.M.

The Warden laid on the table a Communication from the Treasurer, enclosing an Estimate of the Expenses for the year 1853.

Also, a printed circular from the Chief Superintendent of Education, appointing the time and place for holding County School Conventions.

Also, a Communication from the Chairman of the County Board of Public Instruction, enclosing a statement of the Expenses of the Board, for the half year ending 31st Dec. 1852—amounting to £23 13 2.

Mr. Brabazon, seconded by Mr. French, moves,

That Mr. P. A. Hurd have leave of absence for the remainder of the present session.

Lost on a division.

The Chairman of the standing committee on county property, brought in the first Report of the committee on the application of the Municipality of Albion for the Deed of their Town Hall.

And on motion of Mr. Gould,

Ordered to be adopted.

Also, a second Report on the application of certain officers for accommodation in the new Court House.

Mr. Bridgford, seconded by Mr. Lynch, moves,

That the second Report of the committee on county property, be adopted.

Mr. Wheeler, seconded by Mr. Dobson, in amendment, moves,

That the Report be not adopted, but, that it be resolved that the Sheriff, the Clerk of the peace, the county Treasurer and County Clerk and Court House keeper, are the only parties who shall be permitted to occupy apartments in this building, without charge for rent, and that the Clerk of the County Court, County Judge, Clerk of the Division Court, and Revenue Inspectors be allowed to occupy such Rooms as are adapted for their Offices, upon paying such reasonable rent for the same, may be determined upon by the Warden and County Commisssoners, who are hereby authorized to make such arrangements as may be necessary to carry out this Resolution.

Carried.

The Warden informed the Council that he had appointed Mr. N. Gatchell a County Auditor.

The Council again went into committee, on the subject of amending the Assessment law.

Mr. Ward in the chair.

The Committee rose and reported a Resolution.

Report received.

The Resolution was read as follows.

Resolved—That a special committee, consisting of Messrs. Lynch, Gibbs, Bolster, Bridgford, and Taylor, be appointed to draft an address to the Legislature, praying for such alteration to be made in the assessment law, as will permit of the assessment being taken at a more convenient season of the year than at present required, or any other amendment they may see fit to introduce.

Adopted.

Mr. James, seconded by Mr. Mulholland, moves,

That the communication from the municipality of York, be referred to the select committee on the change required in the assessment law, &c.

Carried.

Mr. Gamble, seconded by Mr. Bridgford, moves,

That the draft of the proposed amendments to the Jury and municipal laws be referred to the select committee on the assessment law, to report thereon to this Council.

Carried.

Mr. Gould, seconded by Mr. Allan, moves,

That the thanks of the Council are justly due, and are hereby tendered, to the worthy Reeve of Vaughan, and member of the Provincial Parliament for the first riding of York, for the able and energetic action he has taken in his place in parliament, on the petition of the united counties of York, Ontario, and Peel, during the present session.

Carried unanimously.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY 27*th January*, 1853. (*Fourth Day.*)

The Council met.

The Warden in the chair.

Names called over.

Minutes of yesterday read.

The committee on Finance and Assessment brought in their first report, which was read.

Also, a By-law to provide for the payment of Reeves and Deputy Reeves,

Which was read the first time, and ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Gibbs,

The council went into committee of the whole on the first report of the standing committee on finance and assessment.

Mr. Bridgford in the chair.

The committee rose, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again this day.

Report received.

The Warden laid on the table a report of the county engineer, on the state of the county property, with accounts for repairs.

Also, a communication from the keeper of the gaol, setting forth the disastrous effects upon the prisoners occasioned by the want of classification, &c.

The council again went into committee of the whole on the first report of the finance committee.

Mr. Bridgford in the chair.

The committee rose and reported the report of the committee as amended.

Report received.

And, on motion of Mr. Gibbs,

The report was adopted.

Mr. Lumsden, seconded by Mr. Taylor, moves,

For leave to bring in a by-law for the protection of timber, stone or other materials, growing or being on town-line roads, and that the rule requiring a day's notice, be suspended for that purpose.

Carried.

The by-law was then read the first time, and ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

The standing committee on education reported a by-law to divide the united counties in school circuits or superintendencies, and

On motion to suspend rule 34 being carried, the by-law was read a second time, and

The council went into committee of the whole,

Mr. Brabazon in the chair.

The committee rose, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again to-morrow.

Report received.

Adjourned.

FRIDAY, 28*th January*, 1853. (*Fifth Day.*)

The Council met.

The Warden in the chair.

Names called over.

Minutes of yesterday read.

Mr. Stiles, seconded by Mr. Boyd, moves,

For leave to present a petition from certain Inhabitants of the old survey of West Gwillimbury, and that the 53rd rule of the Council be dispensed with for that purpose.

Carried.

Mr. Stiles, then braught in the petition of certain Inhabitants of West Gwillimbury, praying to be relieved from the debt claimed by the County of Simcoe, as far as regards the Plank Roads and Railway.

The Council went into committee of the whole on the By-law, to establish School Circuits in the United Counties.

Mr Brabazon in the chair.

The committee rose reported progress, and asked leave to sit again this day.

On the question being put for receiving the report,

Mr. James, seconded by Mr. Mulholland, moves,

That the report be not received, but that it be referred back to the committee of the whole, with instructions to amend the by-law, by inserting the words "one pound five shillings," instead of the words "one pound."

Carried.

YEAS.—Bridgford, Brabazon, Bolster, Boyd, Burns, Dobson, French, Gamble, Galloway, Gould, Gibbs, Harrison, Hughes, James Lumsden, Lynch, Mulholland, Price, Reesor, J. Smith, Stiles, Sprague, Taylor, Wright, Ward,—25.

NAYS.—Allan, Cameron, Garnett, Kirkwood, Phillips, Rowe, Richardson, Stephenson, Sharp, Slightholme, Wheeler,—11.

Mr. Ward, seconded by Mr. Richardson, moves,

That George and John Evans, Reeve and Deputy Reeve for Allbion, be allowed leave of absence during the remainder of the present sittings.

Carried.

The standing committee brought in a report in reference to the subject of want of accommodation, and the confined state of the Jail, &c.

Which was read.

Mr. Gould, seconded by Mr. Lynch, moves,

That the report now read be adopted, and that the Warden be requested to furnish a copy thereof, to each of the Judges of the criminal court, the City corporation, and also a copy to the Secretary of the Province, calling his attention to the report, and stating the readiness of the council to proceed in constructing the required prison extension, at any time the government may deem it expedient to carry through such legislative action as will ensure to the county the occupancy of the gaol by the city authorities, for a period of not less than ten years, at such annual remuneration as may be agreed upon, or settled under the statute—to commence so soon as the contemplated improvements are finished, and ready to receive the prisoners.

Carried.

The Council again in committee on the By-law to remunerate Reeves and Deputy Reeves.

Mr. Kirkwood in the chair.

The committee rose and reported the By-law as amended.

Report received.

And on motion to suspend the rule being carried,

The By-law was read the third time, and passed.

The By-law to provide for the protection of timber &c. in roads between Townships, was read the second time, and

The Council went into committee thereon.

Mr. Price in the chair.

The committee rose, and reported the By-law as amended.

The report was received,

And on motion to suspend 34th rule being carried, the By-law was read the third time.

On the question for passing,

Mr. Lynch, seconded by Mr. Sharp, moves,

That it do not now pass, but that it be amended by adding the following Rider, "That whenever the word 'Township' occurs in this By-law, it shall be taken to mean, and to apply to, Incorporated villages, as well as Townships."

Carried.

And the By-law was passed as amended.

The Council again in committee of the whole, on the By-law to establish school circuits and superintendencies.

Mr. Brabazon in the chair.

The committee rose, and reported the By-law as amended.

Report received.

And the By-law ordered for a third reading to-morrow.

The standing committee on printing, brought in a report,

Which was read.

And on motion of Mr. Galloway,

Ordered to be adopted.

The standing committee on county property, brought in a third report, which was read,

And on motion of Mr. Gould,

The Council went into committee of the whole, thereon.

Mr. James in the chair.

The committee rose, and reported the report of the committee.

Report received.

Mr. Gould, seconded by Mr. Lumsden, moves,

That it be resolved, that the third report of the standing committee on county property and Jail management, be adopted, and that the Treasurer be instructed to pay the several persons named in the schedule thereto, the several sums due to them, amounting together to the sum of ninety-one pounds nine shillings.

Carried.

The special committee appointed to draft a memorial to the Legislature, praying for certain alterations in the assessment law, &c., brought in a report, which was read and laid on the table.

The standing committee on Education brought in their second report, recommending certain parties to fill the office of superintendents, of common schools,

Which was read.

Mr. Gamble, seconded by Mr. Taylor, moves,

That it be resolved, that the folowing persons be appointed local school superintendents for the present year for the superintendencies mentioned opposite to their names respectively in the following Schedule, viz:

For School Circuit, No. 4, Superintendency No.		1	Mr. Thomas Nixon.
York	"	2	Rev. T. Wightman.
Vaughan	"	3	Rev. T. Armstrong.
Etobicoke	"	4	Rev. T. Armstrong.
Chinguacousy and Gore of Toronto	"	6	Rev. J. Pringle.
Albion	"	7	Rev. H. B. Osler.
Caledon	"	8	Rev. Thos. Dickson.
Toronto	"	9	Mr. T. Studdart.
Whitby	"	10	Rev. R. H. Thornton.
Pickering	"	11	Rev. H. B. Waddell.
Markham	"	12	Rev. Jas. Boyd.
Scarboro	"	13	Rev. Jas. Boyd.

Carried.

Mr. Gamble, seconded by Mr. Taylor, moves,

That it be resolved, that Mr. Thomas Nixon be appointed local superintendent for the Township of King, for the present year.

Decided in the negative.

YEAS.—Allan, Brabazon, Gould, Hughes, Kirkwood, Lynch, Mulholland, Philips, Stephenson, J. Smith, Slightholme, Taylor, Wheeler, Ward—14.

NAYS.—Bridgford, Bolster, Boyd, Burns, Cameron, French, Gamble, Galloway, Garnett, Gibbs, Harrison, Lumsden, Price, Reesor, Rowe, Richardson, Sharp, Stiles, Sprague, Wright—20.

Mr. Gamble, seconded by Mr. Philips, moves,

That Mr. Prosser be appointed local school superintendent for the Township of King, being superintendency No. 5 for the present year.

Carried.

Mr. Gibbs, seconded by Mr. Lynch, moves,

That the Clerk of the council be instructed to communicate to the several Clerks of the municipalities, the substance of a resolution passed by this council, at its session in May last, requiring those officers to attach to each assessment roll, previous to its being forwarded for revision, a certificate that he has examined the roll; and that the additions in each sheet, together with the aggregate amount in each column are correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Carried.

Mr. James, seconded by Mr. W. Mulholland, moves,

That the Warden be granted leave of absence during the remainder of the present session of Parliament.

Carried.

The Commissioners appointed to superintend the erection of the new Court House, &c., brought in their third report;

Which was read; and

On motion of Mr. Gamble, seconded by Mr. Gibbs.

The Council went into committee thereon.

Mr. Mulholland in the chair.

The committee rose and reported the report of the committee, and a resolution.

Report received.

And on motion of Mr. Gamble, and seconded by Mr Gibbs.

Ordered to be adopted.

And it was

Resolved, That the Treasurer be directed to pay to Mr. John Elliot, the sum of twenty-five pounds as a remuneration for extra services performed by him in preparing deeds, agreements, and other legal papers, &c.

Carried.

Adjourned.

SATURDAY, 29*th January*, 1853. (*Sixth Day.*)

The Council met.

The Warden in the chair.

Names called over.

Minutes of yesterday read.

The By-law to provide for the establishment of School Circuits and Superintendencies was read the third time.

And on the question for passing,

Mr. Gamble, seconded by Mr. Taylor, moves,

That the Bill do not now pass, but that it be amended by inserting after the word "raised," in the last clause, the words "in consequence of such incorrect statement," also by adding in the shedule at the end of the eighth clause the several amounts, after the names of the Townships respectively, viz.:—

After the word "Brock," and figures		"14"	£17	10	0
"	"Georgina,"	" 4"	5	0	0
"	"N. Gwillimbury,"	" 4"	5	0	0
"	"East Gwillimbury,"	"14"	17	10	0
"	"Mara & Rama,"	" 5"	6	5	0
"	"Reach,"	"18"	22	10	0
"	"Thorah,"	" 5"	6	5	0
"	"Uxbridge,"	" 7"	8	15	0
"	"Whitchurch,"	"17"	21	5	0
"	"Scott,"	" 4"	5	0	0
"	"Etobicoke,"	" 8"	10	0	0
"	"King,"	"20"	25	0	0
"	"Vaughan,"	"19"	23	15	0
"	"York,"	"21"	26	5	0
"	"Markham,"	"26"	32	10	0
"	"Pickering,"	"22"	27	10	0
"	"Scarboro,"	"11"	13	15	0
"	"Whitby,"	"25"	31	5	0
"	"Albion,"	"11"	13	15	0
"	"Caledon,"	"10"	12	10	0
"	"Chinguacousy,"	"26"	32	10	0
"	"Gore of Toronto"	" 5"	6	5	0
"	"Toronto,"	"22"	27	10	0

The by-law was then passed as amended.

The standing committee on education brought in their third and final report on the various matters referred.

Which was read.

And, on motion of Mr. Gamble,

The council went into committee of the whole.

Mr. Hughes in the chair.

The committee rose, and reported the report of the standing committee as adopted, with a resolution.

Report received.

And the report of the standing committee adopted; and it was

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorised to pay to the Chairman of the Board of Public Instruction, the sum of £21 13s. 3d., being the amount recommended to be paid by the standing committee on education, for incidental expenses, incurred by the Board for the half-year, ending 31st December, 1852; also the sum of £8 6s. 8d., to Mr. David Higgins, the late superintendent of schools for school circuit No. 1.

The standing committee on finance and assessment brought in their second and final report;
Which was read.
And, on motion of Mr. Gibbs,
The Council went into committee of the whole.
Mr. Bolster in the chair.
The Committee rose and reported the report of the committee as adopted.
Report received.
And the report of the standing committee adopted.
The standing committee on contingent accounts brought in their report;
Which was read.
And, on motion of Mr. Ward,
The council went into committee of the whole.
Mr. Wright in the chair.
The committee rose, and reported the report of the committee as adopted; and the sum of £38 12s. 7d., ordered to be paid on the warrant of the Warden.
Adjourned till the first Monday in May.

(Signed) ..... JOSEPH HARTMAN,
Warden.

JOHN ELLIOT, *Clerk.*

THE COUNTY COUNCIL, 1853.

WARDEN:

JOSEPH HARTMAN, ESQUIRE, M.P.P.

TOWNSHIPS REPRESENTED.	REEVES.	DEPUTY REEVES.
Albion	George Evans	John Evans.
Brock	George Brabazon	N. Bolster.
Chinguacousy	W. Allan	Thomas Sharp.
Caledon	John Richardson	John Kirkwood.
Etobicoke	Joseph Smith	Andrew Ward.
Georgina	John Boyd	
Gwillimbury North	D. Sprague	
Gwillimbury East	Henry D. Stiles	Jos. P. Harrison.
Gore of Toronto	J. Slightholm	
King	George Hughes	J. D. Phillips.
Markham	Henry Miller	John Reesor.
Mara and Rama	Jas. S. Garnett	
Pickering	John M. Lumsden	P. Taylor.
Reach and Scugog	Jas. K. French	P. A. Hurd.
Scarboro'	J. Wheeler	Geo. Stephenson.
Scott	J. Galloway	
Toronto	Joseph Wright	Samuel Price.
Thorah	D. Cameron	
Uxbridge	Jos. Gould	
Vaughan	Jno. W. Gamble	David Bridgford.
Whitby	James Rowe	James Burns.
Whitchurch	Jos. Hartman	R. H. Smith.
York	Wm. James	Wm. Mulholland.
Village of Brampton	John Lynch	
Village of Oshawa	T. N. Gibbs	
Village of Yorkville	Jas. Dobson	

OFFICERS APPOINTED BY THE COUNCIL.

JOSEPH HARTMAN, Esq., ... *Warden.*
J. S. HOWARD, Esq., ... *Treasurer.*
Mr. JOHN ELLIOT, ... *Clerk.*
Messrs. CUMBERLAND & STORM, ... *Engineers.*
Messrs. N. GATCHELL and ROBERT MOORE, ... *Auditors.*

APPENDIX.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, 1853.

Report of the Special Committee appointed to nominate the Names of the Standing Committees.

To the County Council of the United Counties of York, Ontario, and Peel.

The select Committee appointed by ballot to nominate the standing committees on Finance and Assessment, Education, Contingencies, County Property, House of Industry and Jail Management, Roads and Bridges, and Printing, beg to report as follows, viz:

Finance and Assessment.

MESSRS. GIBBS,
PRICE,
WHEELER,
ALLAN,
HURD.

Education.

MESSRS. GAMBLE,
WRIGHT,
TAYLOR,
BURNS,
R. H. SMITH.

County Property and Jail Management.

MESSRS. GOULD,
LYNCH,
JAMES,
BRIDGFORD,
LUMSDEN.

Roads and Bridges.

MESSRS. ROWE,
MILLER,
REESOR,
FRENCH,
PHILLIPS.

Contingencies.

MESSRS. WARD,
RICHARDSON,
GEORGE EVANS,
BRABAZON,
CAMERON.

Printing.

MESSRS. GALLOWAY,
MULHOLLAND,
HARRISON,
BOLSTER,
BOYD.

A which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed)

J. W. GAMBLE,
Chairman.

Committee Room,
25th January, 1853.

[*Adopted.*]

First Report of the Standing Committee on Finance and Assessment, on several matters referred:—Mr. Ponton's Communication—Claim of the County of Simcoe—and Petition of the Treasurer of Reach and Scugog.

To the County Council of the United Counties of York, Ontario, and Peel.

The Standing Committee on Finance and Assessment beg to make this their first report for the session, as follows:—

The communication of W. H. Ponton, Esq., Treasurer *pro tem.* of the Kingston and Toronto Railway Company, informing the Warden that he had drawn upon the Treasurer for the £120 voted by your council in aid of the expense of surveying, mapping, and reporting upon the proposed location and construction of the said railway, has met the attentive consideration of your committeee; and they have to inform your council that the said draft was very properly not accepted by your treasurer. The company referred to has not yet met with the requirements of the by-law in several particulars; nor has it been reported to your engineer, that the conditions of the by-law have been complied with. The said company having relinquished its charter in favour of the Grand Trunk Railway Company, your committee cannot discover how the terms upon which the grant was first made can now be met: and further, that the act, lately passed to repeal their charter, provides that all moneys incurred for services, &c., shall be repaid by the Grand Trunk Railway Company, therefore the claim cannot now be brought up again for payment.

With reference to the claim set up by the county of Simcoe, in May last, for the sum of £1859 12s. 6d., being the proportion of the debt of that county (£60,110) for which that portion of the township of West Gwillimbury, commonly described as the "old survey," would be liable, as ascertained by a comparison of the aggregate value of property in the county of Simcoe, with the aggregate value of property of said portion of West Gwillimbury, for 1851, your committee would recommend that a committee, composed of the Warden and Commissioners on county property, be appointed to meet a committee from the county of Simcoe to arrange this claim by mutual agreement, in the manner contemplated by the statute, and to report to this council at its next session.

The Provincial Secretary's account for books, £9 19s. 11d., your committee suppose to be correct, and recommend payment thereof. Your committee would again urge an amendment in the statute under which these amounts are required to be paid, without the intervention of your council.

Your committee would recommend that the Finance Committee be instructed, as usual, to procure the necessary amount of assessment rolls, to meet the demands of the municipalities, and that the treasurer be authorised to pay the same.

By-law No. 20, providing for the payment of Reeves and Deputies for attending your council having expired, your committee have prepared a new one for the same purpose.

Your committee having had under consideration the petition of David Mitchell, Treasurer of the municipality of Reach and Scugog, beg leave to report, as follows:—

That on reference to the county treasurer they find, that as to the delay complained of, he (Mr. Mitchell) called at the treasurer's office on the 25th instant, and asked for a statement of what he was to pay, when he said he would take advice upon the subject; that on the same day he again called, and tendered the balance of the taxes, according to his own statement, deducting the "non-residents'" portion of the school taxes—the losses on "residents'" personal and property tax uncollected by the collector; and 2½ per cent. as his own commission, which the county treasurer declined accepting for the following reasons:—

1. That though the 47th section of the assessment law would appear to comprehend a double return to the county treasurer of "non-residents'" and "residents'" arrears, yet the 37th section of the same act clearly points out the course to be observed with reference to defalcations on "residents'" property, and which is by suit in a court of law, and not by an arbitrary sale by the sheriff.

2. That he has, nevertheless, been mainly influenced in resisting the course urged by the treasurer of Reach and Scugog, on the ground that the county council, composed of the representatives of the various municipalities, and Reach with others, have, for two years past, in the by-laws imposing county rates, added 5 per cent. thereto, for the very purpose of covering the losses in question, as well as the expenses of collection; and which 5 per cent., invariably remains in the hands of Township Treasurers.

3. The Council also deemed it wise to recommend in the strongest manner that each township should make special provision for the payment of its Treasurer, to obviate the abstraction of the 2½ per cent. from the county rates, and so prevent the necessity of imposing so much in addition to the ordinary taxes.

4. That with respect to the portion of the school taxes for the payment of teachers, on the lands of "non-residents," which the Treasurer of Reach claims exemption from payment, the County Treasurer conceiving, that as it was requisite the full amount levied should be immediately forthcoming, in conformity with the school act, for the payment of teachers, and to entitle the townships to the full amount of the government grant, he has invariably required the amount in full to be accounted for, less the 5 per cent. adverted to; and which he has always paid over to the sub-treasurers, either at the time of settlement, or when they may please to require it; leaving the portion on the "non-residents," when collected, to be paid over in like manner. He has been influenced, also, in the adoption of this course, under the impression of the propriety of the townships deriving the more immediate

benefit of the taxes in question, laying out of the deficiency till collected, rather than that it should be advanced out of the county funds.

Your committee also find, in relation to this matter, that the Treasurer of Reach complied, in 1851, with the course now complained of—that he does so without the intervention or authority of his municipality—and that he persists in being an exception to every treasurer in the county.

Under these circumstances, your committee cannot recommend acquiescence in the prayer of the petition, especially as it would be in opposition to the recommendation and by-laws of the council, if not to the statute; and because, if losses on "residents" are allowed in one case, they must be admitted in all, and so open the door to an amount of neglect and carelessness on the part of municipalities or collectors to recover such arrears, over which the County Treasurer would have no check or control.

All which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) THOS. N. GIBBS,
Chairman.

Committee Room,
27th January, 1853.

[ADOPTED.]

Report of the Committee on County Property on application for Offices in the New Court House.

To the County Council of the United Counties of York, Ontario, and Peel.

The standing Committee on County property and Jail management, beg most respectfully to report,

That application has been made personally by the Clerk of the Division Court, for the first Division in these Counties, and also from the Revenue Inspectors of Licenses, for rooms in the new Court House to hold their respective offices in; and your Committee are of opinion that if there is a spare room for the office of the Clerk of the Division Court, and also a room for the Revenue Inspectors of Licenses, that those officers shall be allowed to occupy, say one room for the Clerk of the Division Court, and one room for the two Revenue Inspectors, in some part of the new Court House to be agreed upon by the Warden and the Sheriff, Treasurer, Architect, and Clerk of this Council, wherever they may judge most expedient, with the strict understanding that they hold those offices on sufferance, and that whenever this Council shall require one or both of those rooms for the use of the Council, the occupant shall give up the same to the Council, for the use thereof, at any time after having had one month's notice.

All which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) JOSEPH GOULD,
Chairman.

Committee Room,
January 26th, 1853.

Report of the Committee on County property, on the petition of the municipality of Albion for the deed of site of Town Hall.

To the County Council of the United Counties of York, Ontario, and Peel.

The standing Committee on County Property and Jail management to whom was referred the Petition of the Township of Albion, praying the Council to transfer the Deed of the Town Hall in that Township, to the municipality thereof, having inquired of the County Clerk, find that a deed for the ground of the Town Hall in the village of Bolton, was lodged with him in the year 1848, and your Committee are of the opinion that the Municipal Corporations' Act, makes all those Town Halls, School Sites, &c., the Deeds of which under the old District Council Act, was deeded to the District, the property of the Township in which they lie. Therefore your Com-

mittee would recommend that the Clerk be instructed to hand over the Deed of the Town Hall of Albion, to the Clerk of the Municipality, or to make out a proper Deed of conveyance from the County, to the Township of Albion as he may think proper and legal according to the true intent and meaning of the statute.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) JOSEPH GOULD,
Chairman.

Committee Room,
January 26th 1853.

[ADOPTED.]

Third Report of the Standing Committee on County Property on the Report of the Engineer, &c.

To the County Council of the United Counties of York, Ontario, and Peel.

The Standing Committee on County Property and Jail Management beg leave to report:—

That they have made a minute examination of the County Jail, and are gratified in being able to state that it is conducted in an efficient and satisfactory manner. Every department is in a cleanly and neat condition; the prisoners expressing themselves as well satisfied with the food and treatment which they receive.

Your Committee bear willing testimony to the able management of the Jailor, Mr. Allen, and are gratified in expressing a confident hope, that, notwithstanding the often repeated and well deserved approval bestowed upon his predecessor Mr. Kidd, the control of the Jail is now in the hands of an officer in no degree less efficient.

Your Committee have examined the repairs executed during the past half year, and recommend the payment of the subjoined accounts for the same certified by the County Engineer. With reference to the recommendation made in the report of that officer that the Cupola over the centre building be removed, they advise that authority for the same be given, as well as for the repair of the chapel, and the painting of the stair-case walls. They further recommend that the walls of the female wards be thoroughly stopped and painted early in the ensuing spring with a view to the destruction of vermin.

They would further beg leave to recommend that the rooms now occupied by County Officers in the new Court House, be supplied with such fittings as are absolute necessary for the proper management of the public business, And that the County Engineer with the advice of the Warden be instructed to provide the same, observing therein all proper economy.

All which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) JOSEPH GOULD,
Chairman.

Committee Room,
28th January, 1853.

[ADOPTED.]

Executors of N. R. Leonard, painting, &c.	£5	7	3½
Consumers' Gas Company, repairs	0	14	6
Cheney & Co., do.	0	11	6
Alex. Stewart, do., Jail	23	8	11
Do. do., Court House, Registry	4	5	2
Thomas Snarr, do., Jail	10	19	11
Cumming & Wells, do., do.	13	16	7½
John Ritchey, do., Registry Office	2	3	9
J. R. Armstrong, for Stoves, &c.	28	5	3
A. Christie, for two Scrapers	0	16	3
	£91	9	0

Report of the Standing Committee on County Property and Jail Management, on the want of accommodation in the County Jail, &c.

To the County Council of the United Counties of York, Ontario, and Peel.

The Standing Committee on County property and Jail Management, beg leave to report that they have had under their most anxious consideration the documents relating to the County Jail, referred to them by the Council, viz:—

1. Letter from the Honourable the Provincial Secretary, dated 26th November, 1852, enclosing—

2. Extract from charge by Mr. Justice Burns, to the Grand Jury of the United Counties of York, Ontario, and Peel on 11th October, 1852.

3. Presentment of the Grand Jury of the Fall Assizes of 1852.

4. Report of the Jailer, dated 27th of January, 1853.

All these documents go to condemn the present Jail as insufficient for its purpose, especially as regards the classification of prisoners, and the awarding of punishments.

The premises adopted are undeniable, whilst the arguments are conclusive, being based on views patent to, and adopted by all the world.

The same complaints and the same reasoning have been made the subjects of the reports of this Committee at every consecutive session of the Council during the last two years and a half, and every step has been taken which in the opinion of the Council, gave any hope of an extension and improvement of the Jail, but without effect.

Notwithstanding however the evident anxiety of this Council to make the desired improvements, if assured of the co-operation of the authorities of the City of Toronto; —and in the face of the evidence that the present condition of things is solely attributable to the direct refusal on the part of that municipality to close any equitable arrangement for Jail extension:—the Judges continue to charge the responsibility thereof upon this Council, and Grand Juries, (frequently composed of a majority of Citizens of Toronto,) make presentments, which, altho' true in regard to the subject of complaint, are so manifestly unjust in relation to the County Authorities, that your Committee are induced to lay a brief statement of the action hitherto taken by the Council in connection with the Jail before, with a view to the better information thereon of all the parties, and especially of the Government.

The records of this Council shew that very early efforts were made in view of the extension of the Jail. It is unnecessary however to advert to any of an earlier date than February 1841, when the Committee on County Property reported "that the extension of the Prison accommodation, by the erection of a new wing to the present Jail, and enclosing the whole with a suitable wall," was, in consequence of the great increase of population, highly necessary. That "the Corporation of the City of Toronto, has the power, according to law, to compel the reception and confinement in the County Jail of the city prisoners, so long as it pleases: and that this description of prisoners not only as a general rule, but in this particular case, comprise the great bulk of those confined, and are constantly increasing in a greater ratio than any other description."

The estimated cost of the necessary works was £8500, and "before entering upon so large an outlay (continues the Report in question) it appears to your committee highly advisable that a permanent arrangement should be entered into with the city corporation, for the accommodation of their prisoners, for a certain remuneration, and for a certain period, not less than 10 years, to be come to, either amicably or by virtue of an arbitration as provided by Statute 12 Vic. Cap. 81, sec. 200."

Your committee, in view of the whole subject, recommend the appointment of a certain number of commissioners to superintend and bring to a final determination, a just and equitable arrangement with the City Corporation in the main, and for the purpose above alluded to, and and also to take the necessary steps for the erection of said wing, and other extensions in the prison accommodations, and finally to do and perform all and every thing necessary for the carrying into effect, as early as may be the foregoing recommendations."

That report was unanimously adopted by the Council, and three commissioners appointed to carry out its intentions, with power under a special By-law to sell county property, and take other measures requisite form eeting the expense. Nothing could be more complete than the arrangements thus made by the council; and no evidence could be more conclusive of its sincere desire to establish an improved system of prison discipline.

Unexpected impediments soon frustrated these intentions. The commissioners, immediately on their appointment, instructed the county engineer to notify the mayor of Toronto thereof, and to request a conference, at an early date, with the city authorities, that "measures might be taken to remedy the existing evils in the county gaol." Not receiving any acknowledgment of the said communication, the commissioners, on the 25th March, 1851, reiterated their desire to meet a committee of the city council on this important subject; and notified the mayor that they would attend in this city, on the 2nd April, for the purpose.

The commissioners accordingly assembled on the said 2nd April; but no parties attending on behalf of the city council (who, it was ascertained, had taken no action in the matter,) they were unable to proceed in their duty. Such marked and continued discourtesy, on the part of the city corporation, might very readily have excused the commissioners from further overtures. Yet although this inattention to a matter of such great public interest gave the commissioners but little hope of future active co-operation, they nevertheless considered it their duty to make a further effort to effect in conjunction with that corporation the amendments so imperatively demanded, and they therefore, on the 2nd April, instructed the county Engineer to address a third communication to the Mayor, stating the grounds and manner of the action which they

were willing to take. That officer accordingly wrote as follows:—

"Toronto, 2*nd April*, 1851.

"*To the Mayor of Toronto,*

Sir,

I had the honor on the 4th and 25th of last month to inform you of the desire of the commissioners of the council of the county of York to meet a committee of the city council, on the subject of the extension of Jail accommodation; and also to apprize you of the intention of the commissioners to assemble this day for the said purpose.

It is matter of regret to the commissioners that no committee having been appointed to act on behalf of the city council, they are yet in ignorance of the views of the council upon the subject, and are therefore obliged in some degree to postpone their own decisions upon it.

I need scarcely direct your attention to the high importance of the establishment of a more efficient system of Jail discipline than that which has hitherto obtained, for its present condition has been the subject of frequent and severe presentments by grand juries, urging the necessity for immediate amelioration.

The main step necessary to the desired improvement would appear to be the extension of the building, and upon this point it is proper to be understood that the Jail as now existing is sufficient for the present and prospective wants of the county, the number of county prisoners being such as would (in the absence of those from the city) render a perfect classification and discipline immediately and permanently practicable.

It is evident therefore that any extension now to be made, willl be induced only by the necessity for making permanent provision for the city prisoners, and I am accordingly authorized to notify you of the opinion of the commissioners that some such definite arrangement should be arrived at, between the two corporations, as by ensuring to the county the permanent tenure of the Jail by the city authorities and the payment of an annual sum commensurate with the value of the accommodation to be granted, would justify the county council in undertaking the necessary works.

It is rather the security of a lengthened period of possession by the city, than the sum to be paid in regard to it, that the commissioners seek to adjust, as the manner of the settlement of the latter point is clearly defined by the statute, and would, doubtless, ensure terms equitable and satisfactory to both parties.

The commissioners are prepared to take immediate steps for enlarging the building, if the city authorities determine upon a permanent occupancy; and they are the more anxious that this should be distinctly understood, as the county council appears (perhaps somewhat erroneously) to be held responsible for the inadequacy of the present structure to its uses; and the consequent impossibility of effecting such a classification and discipline of prisoners, as is necessary to the humane management and creditable efficiency of the establishment.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

FRED. CUMBERLAND,

County Engineer."

Your committee cannot conceive a more liberal or judicious proposition than that originally made on behalf of the commissioners in the above letter, the more especially as at that time the division of the counties of York and Ontario had not been determined upon.

On the 17th June, a conference was held between the commissioners and a committee of the city council, when the commissioners expressed themselves as ready to carry out the propositions made to the mayor on their behalf.

They further submitted in writing to the following proposal:—

"The commissioners propose to erect the necessary additions to the gaol, provided that the city council will agree to occupy the said gaol for a period of ten years from the date of completion of such additions."

It is worthy of observation that in this proposal, the commissioners put no limit upon the expenditure; and asked for no security in regard to rental, other than that given by arbitration, in pursuance with the Act 12 Vic. cap. 81.

That they should require a lengthened tenure, was only reasonable and prudent, seeing that in the absence of an agreement to that effect, the city might at any time withdraw from the county gaol, and leave it a useless burthen upon the county.

The proposal of the commissioners was replied to by the city authorities in the following minute:—

"The finance committee is willing to recommend the city council to enter upon a renewed agreement with the county council for the use of the gaol for ten years permenently, from 1st January, 1853; provided the present agreement for five years, from the 1st January, 1850, remains in full force, so far as the allowance of £750 per annum, to be paid by the city for the use thereof is concerned."

By this reply the city authorities themselves raised the question of rental. The agreement referred to provides that the city may occupy the gaol for a term of five years, from 1st January, 1850, at the rate of £750 per annum, the night charge prisoners being withdrawn; and such agreement is terminable at any time after two years (1st January, 1852,) on six months' notice to that effect from either party to the other.

"This agreement (says the report of the commissioners, dated 19th June, 1851,) it is to be observed, affects only the amount to be paid, as the law provides that the city corporation may demand and take the use of the existing county gaol, so long as the city shall not possess one of its own. But the law does not make it imperative upon the county to build extra gaol accommodation for the use of the city; and, inasmuch as the building now proposed to be erected, is entirely unnecessary for county purposes, your commissioners are of opinion, that it is reasonable to expect the city to pay such an equitable sum for its share of such extra accommodation, from the date of its provision, as may, at time, be determined by consent or arbitration. Your commissioners, however, repeat that they purposely (and they think liberally) refrained from the question of payment, because they desired to offer no impediment to the immediate prosecution of the works.

"The expenditure necessary," continues the report, "to the construction of the additional works, is estimated at £8500. The proposition of the finance committee is,

therefore, that the county should incur this heavy outlay, on behalf, and for the sole purposes, of the city, and receive no proportionate aid by rental in respect thereof, for a term of two years and a half, that is to say, until after the expiration of the five years' agreement, made when these works were not contemplated. Your commissioners keenly sensible of the improper condition of the Jail, as now used, and of the strong public feeling which demands its improvement, have made, in their opinion, a most liberal and reasonable offer to co-operate with the city in making all the desired amendments. In doing so they were actuated alike by a desire to provide suitably for the health and care of the inmates, and thus to relieve the council from the censure which (in some degree unjustly) they have from time to time received by presentments, of grand juries. If independent action were open to the council, it might itself provide an immediate discipline and efficiency in the establishment, by refusing to receive the city prisoners; but the law is such that they are prevented from so doing, and the only resource is to make some equitable arrangement with the city corporation, under which additional accommodation may be provided, and failing such arrangement, either to apply county funds for city purposes, or permit the continuation of the present causes for complaint.

"Your commissioners submit, that the expenditure of county funds for city purposes, during the space of two years and a half (as proposed by the finance committee), could not be justified; and they are therefore under the necessity, with the most extreme regret, to recommend that the works contemplated by the council, at its last session, be not now proceeded with, well assured that it will be apparent to the public that the responsibility of the inefficient condition of the gaol, rests not with the county council, but with the city authorities, who, under the law, can demand the use of the gaol, but who are, nevertheless, unwilling to co-operate in its extension, so far even as agreeing to pay from the date of that extension such equitable sum as may then be determined by disinterested arbitrators, or by mutual consent."

The report from which the foregoing extracts have been made, was presented on the 19th June, 1851, was published in the newspapers at the time, and has been printed and widely circulated with the minutes of the council; and yet, on the 11th October, 1852, the Hon. Mr. Justice Burns, in a solemn charge to the grand jury of the Fall assizes, asks—

"Why is it that these Counties not owing any debts for years past, but on the contrary, with an overflowing exchequer, should not provide sufficient prison accommodation? Why should we not set the example to other Counties in the Province, when it can so easily be done? Why should the Council so long have disregarded the representations of grand juries?"

Your committee desire to speak with the utmost respect of the course thus pursued by the learned Judge, but remembering that any statement emanating from so high an authority is of importance, they feel bound to observe that his Lordship appears to have spoken on the occasion without having previously informed himself of the condition of the case, for so far from the presentments of grand Juries having been disregarded by this council, it is evident by the extracts above made from its minutes, that had the city authorities refrained from urging an unjust agreement, and left the pecuniary liability for adjustment by provision of the law, the necessary additions would have been made to the Jail long before the date of his Lordship's charge.

But because these counties are or were in the possession of an "overflowing exchequer," are they to be saddled with an expenditure of right belonging to the city of Toronto?

The city prisoners are to those of the county as 6½ is to one, and the proportion is constantly increasing. We presume that it will not be said that the county Jail is insufficient for less than one sixth of the number hitherto confined within it. But even this proportion will not obtain next year when the county of Ontario shall have been set off,—nor should it be forgotten that the county of York will at no distant period, alone have an interest in this Jail, as the people of the county of Peel, will in all probability soon avail themselves of the advantages of separate county institutions in accordance with the Legislative provisions to that effect. In that latter event then the proportion of city to county prisoners would probably be as 10 or 11 to one; and it is therefore evident that the existing building would amply suffice for county purposes for many years.

"An overflowing exchequer" is no excuse for a misdirected expenditure. This council would fail to justify to the rate-payers an outlay of nearly £10,000, for a service foreign to the county, without the security which the law only partially denotes, and which the city authorities decline to give. With that corporation, then, and not with this council, rests the responsibility. The law, as before observed, puts the existing gaol at the command of the city, and prescribes not a term of tenure, but simply a mode of payment. In the absence of any special agreement, the city might forsake the gaol immediately after the county had expended £10,000 in its extension. But the law does not oblige the county to build in view of that joint occupancy; and therefore, whilst the council has given proof of its willingness to undertake new works with that view, and to rely upon a future arbitration for the re-adjustment of the rental, in common duty to the interests it represents, it ought not to involve itself in such an expenditure without some assurance that the burthen would be shared by those for whose special accommodation the outlay would be made.

Your committee entirely concur in the opinions upon prison discipline expressed by Mr. Justice Burns; and they are convinced that the council would gladly undertake and carry out any measure of amelioration in its power. But the responsibility of this council holds only in connection with county prisoners; and so long as the law obliges them to receive city prisoners, or as the city authorities evade the burden of the latter, so long will the efforts of the council continue to be vainly made. Three courses present themselves either of which should in the opinion of your committee be acceptable to the council:—

First.—That which the council has already proposed to the city, namely—Let the necessary additions be made—the city agreeing to an occupancy of 10 years, at a rental to be determined by arbitration, as prescribed by act of parliament; or,

Secondly.—Let the clause of the act empowering the city to use the county gaol be repealed, so far as Toronto and the county of York are concerned; and thus the county gaol be applied only to county purposes; or,

Thirdly.—Let the city purchase the county gaol by arbitration, and take it for its sole use.

If neither of these alternatives be accepted by the city corporation, or forced upon it by a higher authority, let it not hereafter be, as it has been lightly said, that the council has "disregarded the presentments of grand juries," or evaded the exercise of those humane duties towards the unfortunate and guilty, in which they have always been most anxious to co-operate; but for the neglect of which, although the *odium* has been cast upon them, the responsibility justly belongs to *another corporation.*

All which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) JOSEPH GOULD,
Chairman.

J. LYNCH,
W. JAMES,
D. BRIDGFORD,
J. W. LUMSDEN.

Committee Room,
January 28, 1853.

[ADOPTED.]

Report of the Special Committee to draft a Memorial to the Legislature, for Amendments in the Assessment Law, &c.

To the County Council of the United Counties of York, Ontario, and Peel.

The special committee appointed to draft a memorial to the Legislature, praying for such alteration in the assessment law, as would authorise the assessment to be taken in the summer instead of the winter, or any other alteration in the assessment law. that might be deemed desirable, beg leave to report. That having considered the reasons assigned for the desired change in the time for taking the assessment your Committee do not consider them of sufficient force to induce this Council to interfere in this matter at the present time. Nor are your Committee at present prepared to recommend any other alterations in the assessment laws.

Your Committee have also had referred to them a copy of a resolution of the municipality of the Township of York, expressing a desire that this Council would take such action as would procure such alteration, in the municipal corporation's laws as to allow each municipality to erect a Township Registry office under their control, for the purpose of registering such documents as the County Register will not register.

That the Council would petition the Legislature that the control and Revenues of Shop licenses for the sale of spirituous liquors may be transferred to the municipalities; and that it is desirable that a local superintendent of schools be appointed for that Township.

With respect to the first proposition, your Committee conceive that a Township Registry office, such as the Council of York propose, might be found very advantageous, but as it is a subject which requires more and better attention than they are prepared to give it, your committee would not recommend any action in the matter, except that the two members of this Council, who are members of the Provincial Legislature, be required to give the subject their serious consideration during the present session of Parliament.

Respecting the second suggestion of the Council of York, that the control of shop and other licenses should be transferred to the several municipalities, your committee believe that this Council has had assurances that Legislative provisions will shortly be made, which will meet the wishes of the municipality of York in that respect.

The third request of the municipality, that a local superintendent of schools be appointed for that Township, has already been favourably acted on by this Council.

Your committee have also had referred to them the draft of a proposed law, for the amendment of the municipal corporation's laws, which contains some valuable provisions, giving to the various municipalities additional powers, many of which have been heretofore recommended to the Legislature by this Council; and there is reason to believe that other suggestions of this Council will also be incorporated in the same Bill, before its final passage.

All which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) P. TAYLOR,
Chairman.

Committee Room,
28th January, 1853.

Report of the Standing Committee on Education, recommending certain parties to fill the offices of Local Superintendents of Schools.

To the County Council of the United Counties of York, Ontario, and Peel.

The standing committee on Education beg to report that they have had under consideration the applications for appointment and re-appointment of the local school superintendents, and beg to recommend the following persons as superintendents for the present year:—

Mr. Thos. Nixon,
Mr. T. Studdart,
The Rev. T. Wightman,
The Rev. — Armstrong,
The Rev. J. Pringle,
The Rev. H. B. Osler,
The Rev. Thos. Dickson,
The Rev. H. B. Thornton,
The Rev. W. H. Waddell,
The Rev. James Boyd.

These gentlemen have been nominated by the councillors from the different townships, and your committee heartily concur, in adding their testimony to their high standing, as well as their qualifications to fill the office for which they are recommended in an efficient and acceptable manner.

The resolution for their appointment is submitted herewith. (*See Resolution, page* 9.)

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) J. W. GAMBLE,
Chairman.

Committee Room,
28th January, 1853.

Report of the Standing Committee on Education, on the various matters referred, &c.

To the County Council of the United Counties of York, Ontario, and Peel.

The Standing Committee on Education, to whom was referred the petitions of the Rev. H. B. Osler, Rev. James Pringle, George Evans, and 31 others; Thomas Nixon, T. Studdart, T. C. Prosser; the communication, with enclosures, from the Rev. J. Jennings, chairman of the Board of Public Instruction; David Higgins; and the Chief Superintendent of Common Schools;—beg to report—

That the council having already, at the recommendation of your committee, granted the prayer of all the petitions, with the exception of that part of Mr. Pringle's, asking for an increase of salary for the year 1852, it is not requisite that further allusion should be made to them. The council having agreed to increase the salaries of the local school superintendents, and place them all upon an equal footing in proportion to the number of schools under their respective supervision for the time to come, your committee are not prepared to recommend any further allowance to Mr. Pringle.

With respect to the communication from Mr. Higgins, tendering his resignation, and asking to be allowed a month's salary as a remuneration, not only for that additional time, but for the additional labour of collecting, arranging and making up the returns for the education office, left in an unfinished state by his predecessor, your committee recommend that his resignation be accepted, and that the treasurer be directed to pay him the sum of £8 6s. 8d., upon his producing a certificate from the education office, that all the returns and documents required by law from him, for the year 1852, have been completed and furnished to that office.

The papers submitted by the chairman of the board of public instruction, contain an account, with bills of parcels, of the incidental expenses attending the meetings of that board to 31st December last, amounting to £21 13s. 3d.; which amount your committee recommend should be paid by the treasurer. In relation to these expenses of the board of instruction, former decisions of the council have restricted payment to stationery, printing, and other small charges incidental to the meetings of the board—decisions which, in the opinion of your committee, should be strictly adhered to for the future; and it should be distinctly understood that no allowances whatever will be made for travelling or personal expenses of any kind to the members of that board. The expenses already incurred in that way have been greatly, and, in the opinion of your committee, unnecessarily augmented by the centralized action which the board have chosen

to adopt—a course your committee think unsustained by any legal sanction. The words of the statute are—

"Provided always, that where there is more than one grammar school in a county, the county council shall have authority to divide such county into as many circuits as there are county grammar schools, and the trustees of *each* county *grammar school*, and the local superintendent or superintendents of schools in each circuit, shall be a board of public instruction for such circuit."

The council on 31st August, 1850, passed a By-law, which among other provisions, contained a clause dividing the then county of York into four school circuits, and it appears to your committee, that the trustees of the grammar school in each circuit, together with the local superintendents of such circuit, constitute the legal Board of Instruction for that circuit. They are also of opinion, that no peculiar advantage appears to have arisen from the system as hitherto carried out, save the establishing an uniform standard for the different classes of common school teachers throughout the county, an object which they think can be accomplished without the inconvenience and expense of assembling the members of the Board from all parts of the county, in the city of Toronto.

Your committee beg to call the attention of the council to the very limited power conferred by the School Act upon the township councils for the alteration of school sections; from the new state of the country it is manifest that the convenience of the inhabitants requires, and will require, frequent alterations in the boundaries of those sections. As the law now stands, the councils can only proceed to make such alterations at the request of the majority of the freeholders and householders in each of such sections, thus requiring the assent of all parties to be affected by any proposed change, before they can even enter upon the question of such change. A limitation that precludes the chance of any alteration in existing boundaries, no matter however necessary for the convenience of the inhabitants of any one section, and however just their claim.

In relation to the communication from Dr. Ryerson, stating his intention of holding a school convention in two of the united counties, York and Peel, at Toronto, and Ontario, at Whitby Village. Your committee would recommend that all those connected in any manner with the common schools, should make a point of attending the said conventions, and they sincerely trust that all persons friendly to common school education, will endeavour by their presence upon the occasions alluded to, to strengthen the hands of the chief superintendent in his exertions to carry out a system, which promises eventually to place a good English Education within the reach of every Canadian, poor as well as rich.

All which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) J. W. GAMBLE,
Chairman.

Committee Room,
29th January, 1853.

[ADOPTED.]

Report of the Standing Committee on Printing.

To the County Council of the United Counties of York, Ontario, and Peel.

The Standing Committee on Printing recommend that the Clerk do, in the usual way, apply for tenders, and take the lowest, get printed the same number of the Minutes, By-laws, Reports, &c., of the Council, and distribute them as heretofore, that is to say, one copy to each Warden of the outer Counties, one to each qualified Magistrate, in the said United Counties, two copies to each Reeve, one to each Councillor, and one to each Township Clerk. Also, that the Clerk be authorised to get done any printing for the use of the Council which may be considered necessary by the Warden. And that the Treasurer be authorised to pay the expense on certificate of the Warden or Clerk.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) JAMES GALLOWAY,
Chairman.

Committee Room,
January 28th 1853.

[ADOPTED.]

Report of the Committee on Contingent Accounts.

To the County Council of the United Counties of York, Ontario, and Peel.

The Standing Committee on Contingent Accounts having examined the several accounts hereunto annexed, beg leave to recommend that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the same on warrant of the Warden, viz.:—

To Post Master, for 3 qrs. postage, ending 5th January, 1853	£3	10	0
To G. E. Thomas, for printing Minutes, labels for Minutes, Yeas and Nays, Binding, &c.	6	11	3
To Hugh Scobie, for printing Advertisements, Judgments of Queen's Bench &c.	1	12	7
To Scott & Laidlaw, for blue Baize	1	16	4
To Robert McCourt, for 25 days' work done at Court House, @ 3s. 9d.	4	13	9
To Samuel Irwin, for drawing to New Court House 17 loads of Furniture, &c. @ 1s. 10½d. and 6 days' work @ 2s. 6d.	2	6	10½
To J. Blair, for sundry charges as per Bills	2	18	9
To Alexr. Christie, for 21 tin Candlesticks @ 1s. 1d.	1	1	9
To 1 year's subscription for Journal of Education	0	5	0
To Thompson & Co., for advertising	0	7	6
To Brewer McPhail & Co., for Stationery, &c.	7	4	3½
To Smith & McDonell, for Candles	2	0	6
To J. Blair, 6 days' service as Messenger @ 6s. 3d.	1	17	6
To C. Davis, constable, 6 days @ 6s. 3d.	1	17	6
	£38	12	7

All which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) JOHN RICHARDSON,
Chairman.

Committee Room,
January 29th, 1853.

[ADOPTED.]

Report of the Standing Committee on Finance and Assessment, on the state of the Finances, &c.

To the County Council of the United Counties of York, Ontario, and Peel.

The Standing Committee on Finance and Assessment, beg to present their second report as follows:—

First.—The statement of finances of the United Counties of York, Ontario, and Peel. The revenues of the counties on 31st December were £1732 5s. 3d.; liabilities £3511 6s. 10¾d.; leaving a balance against the counties at that date of £1779 1s. 7¾d. This last mentioned shows a diminution of £123 2s. 3d., as compared with the corresponding period of 1851. At the close of the quarter ending June 30th, 1852, the excess of expenditure over receipts was,

Qr. ending June 30th	£3738	19	9¾.
Qr. ending Sept. 30th	4615	18	7¾.

The amount levied in 1852 appears to have met all the demands anticipated for the service of that year, and reduced the balance from former years against the united counties in the sum of £123 2s. 3d.

The experience had of the Jury Fund, your committee are happy to state, during the past year, or since the operation of the council's By-law, exhibits a more favourable view than was entertained when the estimate of last year was formed. The payment of grand and petit jurors amounted to £320 17s. 9d., leaving but £544 2s. 3d. to be provided for by taxation instead of £696 7s., the balance of those items in the estimate.

Your committee would respectfully call the attention of the members of your council, who are members of the House of Assembly, to the memorial sent down to Quebec last year, requesting certain amendments in the jury act, and request their advocacy of the same in their places in

Parliament. Your committee hope this subject will not escape the attention of the Legislature at its present session, but receive that consideration which its importance demands. Your committee firmly believe if the amendments pointed out are carried into effect, that no county in the Province would then refuse payment of its jurors. But as the assessment for the current year will not require to be made till the next session of council, your committee are not called upon to recommend at present the levying of any particular amount.

The accounts which have been submitted to your committee, so far as examined, appear to be correct, and properly vouched for by the auditors, and are hereby confirmed. The subject matter contained in the petition of H. D. Stiles and others, praying to be released from the debt of the County of Simcoe, so far as the plank and rail-road is concerned, having already attracted the attention of your committee and been disposed of by your council, your committee do not find it requisite to make any other recommendations than such as have already been adopted by your council, and to which they beg to refer the petitioners. Annexed is the Treasurer's statement of the Cash Affairs of the counties made up to 31st Dec., 1852, showing as above stated an uncovered balance of £1779, also an abstract of the General Affairs of the united counties, showing the balance of assets to be £20538, composed mainly of real estate in county buildings; together with the Estimate, £3269, for the current year.

All which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) THOS. N. GIBBS,
Chairman.

Committee Room.
29th January, 1853.

[ADOPTED.]

TREASURER'S STATEMENT of the CASH AFFAIRS of the United Counties of York, Ontario, and Peel, on the 31st December, 1852.

ASSETS.				LIABILITIES.			
Outstanding County Tax on Residents	£583 11 9			Excess of Expenditure, 31st December, 1852			2739 11 7¾
Do. do. on Non do.	75 19 3			Sheriff, Miscellaneous Services	£23 19 0		
City of Toronto, for the support of Prisoners and use of Jail and Court House for 1852	750 0 0			Clerk of the Peace, do.	26 0 1		
Government, for Criminal Justice Expenses	322 14 3			Coroners, do.	31 2 6		
		1732 5 3		Constables do.	56 19 5		
Balance to be provided for in Estimate of 1853		1779 1 7¾		Salaries	105 15 0		
				Jail Expenses	239 0 3		
				Repairs of County Buildings	77 7 8		
				Jury Expenses, due Selectors	21 2 6		
				Inquest Expenses	2 15 0		
				County Board of Public Instruction	10 10 0		
				Printing, Advertizing, and Stationery	35 11 11		
				Interest to Bank of Upper Canada	100 0 0		
				Miscellaneous Expenses	41 11 11		
							771 15 3
		3511 6 10¾					3511 6 10¾

J. S. HOWARD, *County Treasurer.*

ABSTRACT of the GENERAL AFFAIRS of the United Counties of York, Ontario, and Peel, on the 31st December, 1852.

ASSETS.			LIABILITIES.		
Real Estate in County Buildings, viz., Jail, Registry Office, and Lots unsold		£18474 14 5	Excess of Expenditure, 31st December, 1852		£2739 11 7¾
Balances due on Lots disposed of:—			Sheriff, for Miscellaneous Services	£23 19 0	
A. Quibbel	£25 0 0		Clerk of the Peace, do.	26 0 1	
Wm. Fawn	67 9 8		Coroners, do.	31 2 6	
Samuel Foster	40 0 0		Constables, do.	56 19 5	
John Ferguson	42 10 0		Salaries,	105 15 0	
Simeon Tiffin	117 10 0		Jail Expenses	239 0 3	
Benjamin B. Armstrong	24 10 0		Repairs of County Buildings	77 7 8	
Consumers' Gas Company	178 10 0		Jury Expenses	21 2 6	
W. F. Meudell	178 10 0		Inquest Expenses	2 15 0	
		673 19 8	County Board of Public Instruction	10 10 0	
Outstanding County Rates on Residents	583 11 9		Printing, Advertizing, and Stationery	35 11 11	
do. do. Non do.	75 19 3		Interest to Bank of Upper Canada	100 0 0	
		659 11 0	Miscellaneous Expenses	41 11 11	
					771 15 3
Toronto City, for the support of Prisoners, and the use of Jail and Court House, 1852		750 0 0	Court House Erection, on Contract, &c.		1493 15 0
Government, for Criminal Justice Expenses		322 14 3	Debentures outstanding	2000 0 0	
Special County Rate on hand towards retiring Debentures and Interest	253 2 9		Interest thereon, 6 months, to 31st December	60 0 0	
Outstanding do. do.	66 18 6				2060 0 0
		320 1 3	Balance of Assets		20538 6 2¼
New Court House, paid on contract, &c.		5525 3 5			
Cash on hand for do.		877 4 0			
		£27603 8 1			£27603 8 1

J. S. HOWARD, *County Treasurer.*

ESTIMATE of the EXPENSES &c., of the United Counties of York, Ontario, and Peel, for 1853.

Excess of Expenditure, 31st December, 1852				£1779	0	0
Crown or Indigent Witnesses	£15	0	0			
Inquest Expenses	30	0	0			
Bounty for destruction of Wolves	18	0	0			
Printing, Advertising, and Stationery	230	0	0			
County Board of Public Instruction	45	0	0			
Repairs of County Buildings	100	0	0			
Jury Expenses under Acts 13 and 14 Vic. chap. 55, and 14 and 15 Vic. chap. 64 and 65, being to Sheriff, Clerk of the Peace, and Selectors	900	0	0			
"Jury Fund," under Act 13 and 14 Vic. chap. 14, being deficiency to pay Grand and Petit Jurors	544	0	0			
Portion of Criminal Justice, and other expenses payable by County, such as one-third of Jail Expense, Jailer and Turnkeys' Salaries, and certain Constables' Services	500	0	0			
Miscellaneous Expenses, such as Postages, Wood for Court House, Gas, Candles, Premiums of Insurance, &c., &c.	200	0	0			
Interest to Bank of Upper Canada	100	0	0			
Members of Council, Mileage, and Attendance, say three Sessions	450	0	0			
Warden's allowance	40	0	0			
Treasurer and Assistant	400	0	0			
Clerk of the Peace, Miscellaneous Services	60	0	0			
Clerk of the County Council	175	0	0			
Engineer	100	0	0			
County Auditors	25	0	0			
High Constable	50	0	0			
County Court House Keeper	35	0	0			
				4017	0	0
				£5796	0	0
Less this Amount to be received from the City of Toronto, for use of Jail and Court House, and support of Prisoners, for 1853				750	0	0
Balance to be provided for, exclusive of any contingencies connected with the Court House, or any expenses authorized by the Council.				£5046	0	0

J. S. HOWARD, *County Treasurer.*

THIRD REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONERS

APPOINTED TO SUPERINTEND THE ERECTION OF

THE NEW COURT HOUSE.

To the County Council of the United Counties of York, Ontario, and Peel.

The commissioners appointed under By-law 17 to superintend the construction of the new Counties' Court House, beg leave to report:—

That in consequence of delay in delivery of the stone necessary for the front, the completion of the building has been protracted beyond the date specified in the contract; inasmuch however, as that provision has been made for the present session of the council, and that the Court rooms will be ready by the time required, and seeing that no difficulty has ensued with the purchaser of the old Court House, who will be put in possession on the 10th February, your commissioners are not prepared at present to recommend that the penalties set forth in the contract should be levied.

Your commissioners trust that the new building will be found to answer its intended purpose. The amount of accommodation within it, is very greatly in excess of that offered by the old structure. Every county officer will now have at least two rooms; and four officers—the Treasurer, Sheriff, Clerk of the Peace, and County Judge, will have fire-proof vaults attached to their rooms.

There are still other rooms unappropriated, and your commissioners submit, that it is desirable, the council should determine in what manner they may be used.

Your commissioners took the earliest opportunity of submitting to the Judges, the plans of the new Court rooms, requesting that they would make such suggestions, as their experience might dictate, for their internal arrangement, and the Court rooms are now being fitted up in accordance with a plan prepared under the Judges' directions and sanction. Although this course involves an extra outlay consequent upon some special provisions, and the circular arrangement of the seats. Your commissioners adopted it in the hope of so perfecting the accommodations, as to have no complaints from the authorities, for whose use they are provided. The authority of your commissioners did not seem to extend to the furnishing of the building; they have therefore confined their operations under this head to the council chamber, and in this have endeavoured to ensure the strictest economy consistent with the service.

It appearing to your commissioners that it was very desirable to warm the building by furnaces, they have caused one to be erected in the basement, which now serves the entrance hall, the council chamber, and (partially) the criminal Court Room, and as it appears to be very successful, they would recommend the adoption of the system throughout the building; six furnaces will be necessary, but they will ensure such an economy in the consumption of fuel as to justify their erection. Similar furnaces have been used at the new Normal School, which is heated throughout on this system, with the highest success, and at an expense far below what would result from the use of common stoves.

Remembering that each of the court rooms may in turn, be required for use at night, and that the council now usually has evening sittings, your commissioners recommend that the gas be laid on, and served in the following places: The entrance hall and staircases, the council chamber, the three court rooms, the Judges' and Jury rooms, the Judges' staircase, and the furnace rooms. Your commissioners would further recommend that water be supplied to the office of each county officer, and to the kitchen; and that two hydrants be constructed, one in each wing, with water-way, hose-pipe, and branches, on each floor. This provision has been made at the new Normal School and Post Office, and the advantages are apparent in the increased security of the buildings from fire, and the consequent diminution in the charges for insurance.

By a Building Act passed (since the contract was made) by the Corporation of the City, all outbuildings and fences have now to be constructed of brick; it will be necessary therefore that the front and rear fences, and privies which it was originally intended should be of wood, should now, in conformity with the City law, be erected in brick. For this service, therefore, an extra grant becomes necessary.

The following is an approximate estimate of the present position of the contract liabilities, and of the sums necessary for the performance of the various services herein recommended, as submitted by the County Engineer:—

By contract with Mr. Ritchey	£6970	0	0
By extras involved in consequence of the suggestions of the Judges, in sittings of the three court rooms	160	0	0
By expense of furniture for council chamber and committee rooms	250	0	0
By expense of hot air Furnace and fittings connected therewith	360	0	0
By sum required for fences and privies in brick and slate	210	0	0
By gas service and fittings, as above recommended	180	0	0
By water service and fittings, do. do.	60	0	0
If hydrants inserted, add	125	0	0
By fitting up of four fire-proof vaults	40	0	0
By sundry extras incidental to the whole building	235	0	0
Paid for drain to main sewer	48	18	6
Contract as above	£6970	0	0
Additional items as above	1620	0	0
	£8590	0	0

Your commissioners would recommend the payment to the county clerk of the sum of twenty-five pounds as a remuneration for extra services, rendered by that officer for drafting a deed and mortgage, and engrossing same three times for execution by Mr. Mulholland, sundry bills of sales, special covenants and agreements for Mr. Ritchey, in consequence of advances made to him, and alteration of time for completing contract, together with preparing long agreement and bond for contractors to sign; and engrossing eight deeds of lands sold to parties, under bond to purchase, &c.

All which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) J. W. GAMBLE,
THOS. N. GIBBS,
JOHN LYNCH,
Commissioners.

Committee Room,
28th January, 1853.

[ADOPTED.]

MINUTES

OF THE

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

OF THE

UNITED COUNTIES

OF

YORK, ONTARIO, AND PEEL.

SECOND MEETING, 1853.

MONDAY, 20*th June*, 1853.

The Council met under the provisions of 16 Vic. cap. —.
The Warden in the chair.
Names called over.
Quorum present.

The Warden reported that he had received two certificates under the hand and seal of the Clerk of the United Townships of Reach and Scugog to the effect that Thomas Paxton was selected Reeve for the said united townships, and that Abel W. Ewers was elected Deputy Reeve for the said townships, and that they had respectively taken the oaths required by law.

Whereupon it was moved by Mr. Gibbs, and seconded by Mr. Brabazon,

That Mr. Paxton, the reputed Reeve, and Mr. Ewers, the reputed Deputy Reeve of Reach and Scugog, be permitted to take their seats conditioned to remedy the defects in their certificates during the present week; failing to do which, they shall forfeit all claims to the said seats, and be debarred from obtaining any recompense for the time they may have acted in such capacity, at the present session of the council of the united counties.

Mr. Gamble, seconded by Mr. Galloway, moves,

That it be resolved, That Mr. French, Reeve for Reach, and Mr. Hurd, Deputy Reeve for said township, having produced the certificates required by law, in January last, as to their due election and qualification; and having taken their seats accordingly—in the absence of any evidence of those gentlemen having resigned—this council would be establishing a dangerous precedent to allow their seats to be occupied by other parties, until the resignation of the former members shall be duly certified to this council by the town clerk, under the corporate seal of the municipality.

Decided in the negative.

YEAS.—Dobson, Gamble, Galloway, James, Price, Reesor, Sharp, Wheeler, Wright, Ward.—10.

NAYS.—Bridgford, Brabazon, Bolster, Burns, George Evans, John Evans, Gibbs, Harrison, Kirkwood, Lynch, Miller, Mulholland, Phillips, Rowe, Stephenson, J. Smith, Sleightholme, Stiles, Sprague, Taylor.—20.

The original motion was then put and carried; and

Messrs. Paxton and Ewers took their seats.

The Warden addressed the council; and laid on the table several communications, viz.:—

Copy of a communication by the Warden to the Provincial Secretary, enclosing copy of report of committee on Jail management, &c.

From the Provincial Secretary, acknowledging receipt of same.

From the same, enclosing accounts for books furnished to the county registrar, &c.

From the Clerk of the united counties of Victoria and Peterboro', enclosing copy of by-law to appropriate the sum of £50 for the improvement of Simcoe Street.

From the Clerk of the united counties of Stormont, Dundas, and Glengary, enclosing copy of petition to the Legislature, to repeal the common school act, and establish free schools.

The petition of John Duncan and others, praying for the opening of the town line between York and Markham: by Mr. James.

Mr. Gibbs, seconded by Mr. Lynch, moves,

That a committee of five be forthwith appointed by ballot to equalize the assessment rolls for the present year.

Mr. Ward, seconded by Mr. Smith, in amendment moves,

That the council elect a committee to consist of the Warden, Messrs. Gamble, Gibbs, Taylor, Lynch, and Price, to equalize the assessment rolls for the present year.

Decided in the negative.

The original motion was then put and carried.

The council then proceeded to the ballot, and the Warden declared that himself, and Messrs. Gamble, Gibbs, Lynch, and Price, had been elected.

Mr. Lynch gives notice that he will on to-morrow move that the council do go into committee of the whole on certain resolutions in reference to the improvement of the leading roads in the counties.

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, 21*st June*, 1853. (*Second Day.*)

The Council met.

The Warden in the chair.

Names called over.

Minutes of yesterday read.

The Warden laid on the table a communication from the Rev. A. W. Waddell, local superintendent of schools of Pickering, tendering his resignation of that office.

Also, the Auditors' report on county treasurer's accounts, for the quarters ending 31st December, 1852, and 31st March, 1853, with vouchers.

Also, the report on sub-treasurers of school moneys, with a statement of balances in their hands on 31st Dec., 1852, with teachers' vouchers, &c.

PETITIONS PRESENTED:—

Of L. Davidson and others, praying for the sum of £50 to be expended on the road between the counties of Ontario and Victoria; also, of Jacob Ham and others, that the sum of £100 be expended on the road between the counties of Ontario and Victoria: by Mr. Brabazon.

Of John Reesor and others, of the township of Markham, for opening town line between Scarboro' and Markham, adjoining lot No. 1, 9th concession, Markham: by Mr. Reesor.

Of W. Ross and others, to settle which side of the line, called the Indian or 36-mile road line, lies in the Gore of Toronto or Etobicoke: by Mr. Ward.

Pursuant to notice, Mr. Lynch, seconded by Mr. Allan, moves that it be resolved—

1. That the improvement of the leading roads in these counties is an object much to be desired, as well for the pecuniary advantage of the inhabitants as for their comfort and convenience, and the want of such improvement is a serious and continued drawback on the industry of the country.

2. That the several roads in these counties, which have been constructed by joint-stock companies, (though they have not answered the expectations of their promoters in direct profitable returns for the outlay,) have been of great benefit to the inhabitants in their vicinity; but the bad success which has attended them, as means of investment, will probably deter capitalists from assisting in such works for the future.

3. That in the opinion of this council, the most feasible method of improving the leading roads of these counties, is by joint-stock companies, incorporated under the provisions of an act passed during the last session of Parliament, entitled, "An Act to amend and consolidate the several Acts for the formation of Joint-stock companies, for the construction of roads and other works in Upper Canada," assisted by the counties' council, subscribing for stock in the same; and it is therefore expedient that encouragement be given to the inhabitants in the vicinity of certain leading roads in these counties, to form joint-stock companies for their improvement, and that when such companies are organized, and a certain portion of the stock required for the completion of such road, shall be subscribed by individuals, and by the local municipalities, this council will subscribe the complement necessary to complete such road.

4. That it is expedient to raise by way of loan under the provisions of the Act to establish a consolidated municipal loan fund for Upper Canada, a sum of money not exceeding £100,000, for the purpose of improving the leading roads within these counties in accordance with the foregoing resolutions.

On the question for adopting the first resolution,

Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Lumsden, moves,

That the first resolution be not now adopted, but that the council do resolve itself into a committee of the whole on the resolution just read.

Carried.

The council then went into committee of the whole.

Mr. Ward in the chair.

The committee rose, and

The chairman reported that the committee had risen.

On the question for receiving the report,

Mr. James, seconded by Mr. Mulholland, moves in amendment,

That the report be not received, but that the resolutions moved by Mr. Lynch, be referred back to a committee of the whole council on to-morrow.

Carried.

The Warden read and laid on the table a circular from the Chief Superintendent of education, on the various matters connected with the common school act; together with the apportionment of the school grant to the several townships and villages for the present year.

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, 22*nd June*, 1853. (*Third Day.*)

The Council met.

The Warden in the chair.

Names called over.

Minutes of yesterday read.

The Warden presented a memorial from the Provisional Council of the county of Ontario, setting forth the propositions as the basis on which they are willing to settle and arrange the debts and liabilities for which the united counties are holden, &c.

The council went into committee of the whole, on Mr. Lynch's resolution for improving the leading roads.

Mr. Ward in the chair.

Committee rose, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again to-morrow.

Report received.

Mr. Gamble, seconded by Mr. Reesor, moves,

That the memorial of the provisional council of the county of Ontario, be referred to a special committee of five, to be appointed by ballot forthwith, and composed of members from that part of the united counties known as the counties of York and Peel, to confer with the members of the provisional council, and take such preliminary steps, as may be necessary, for the adjustment and settlement of the proportion if any, of any debt or debts due by the united counties which it may be just the county of Ontario upon being disunited should take upon itself, with the times of payment thereof, the said committee to report at its earliest convenience during the present session.

Carried.

The council then proceeded to ballot for the committee, and the Warden declared that the mover, together with Messrs. Lynch, Wheeler, Price and James do compose said committee.

Mr. Ward, seconded by Mr. Smith, moves,

That the petition of Wm. Ross and others, praying for redress in the matter of the disputed 36 mile or Indian line, be referred to a select committee to consist of Messrs. Gamble, Lynch, Taylor, James, and the mover, and that they do report to the council on the same.

Mr. Sleightholme, reconded by Mr. Boyd, in amendment, moves,

That the petition be referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

Carried.

YEAS.—Allan, Bridgford, Brabazon, Bolster, Boyd, Burns, Cameron, George Evans, John Evans, Ewers, Gamble, Galloway, Gibbs, Harrison, Hughes, Kirkwood, Lumsden, Lynch, Mulholland, Philips, Paxton, Richardson, Stephenson, Sharp, Sleightholme, Stiles, Sprague, Taylor, Wheeler—29.

NAYS.—Miller, Reesor, Rowe, J. Smith, Ward.—5.

Mr. Brabazon, seconded by Mr. Bolster, moves,

That Mr. Paxton be appointed a member of the standing committee on roads and bridges instead of Mr. French, and that Mr. Ewers be appointed a member of the standing committee on finance and assessment instead of Mr. Hurd.

Mr. Allan, seconded by Mr. Sharp, in amendment, moves,

That the deficient members in the committee on roads and bridges, and on finance and assessment, be appointed by ballot.

Decided in the negative.

YEAS.—Allan, Bridgford, Boyd, Gamble, Galloway, Harrison, Hughes, Kirkwood, Mulholland, Philips, Stephenson, Sharp, Sleightholme, Sprague, Wheeler.—15.

NAYS.—Brabazon, Bolster, Burns, Cameron, J. Evans, Ewers, Lumsden, Lynch, Miller, Paxton, Reesor, Rowe, J. Smith, Stiles, Taylor, Ward.—16.

On the question for passing the original motion, the yeas and nays were taken.

Carried.

YEAS.—Brabazon, Bolster, Burns, Cameron, Geo. Evans, Jno. Evans, Ewers, Galloway, Paxton, Lumsden, Lynch, Miller, Reesor, Rowe, J. Smith, Stiles, Taylor, Ward.—18.

NAYS.—Allan, Bridgford, Boyd, Gamble, Gibbs, Harrison, Hughes, Kirkwood, Mulholland, Phillips, Richardson, Stephenson, Sharp, Sleightholme, Sprague, Wheeler.—16.

Mr. Lumsden gives notice that he will on to-morrow, move,

That the Rev. R. H. Thornton be appointed local Superintendent of common schools for the township of Pickering, in the place of Rev. A. W. Waddell, resigned.

Mr. Boyd gives notice that he will on to-morrow, move for the appointment of a committee to consider the propriety of petitioning the Legislature for amendments to the Common School Act.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, 23*rd June*, 1853. (*Fourth Day.*)

The Council met.

The Warden in the chair.

Names called over.

Minutes of yesterday read.

The Warden laid on the table a statement of expenses of the County Board of Public Instruction, for the half-year ending 21st June instant.

The council went into committee of the whole on Mr. Lynch's resolution for improving the leading roads.

Mr. Ward in the chair.

Committee rose, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again to-morrow.

Report received.

Mr. Lumsden, seconded by Mr. Taylor, moves,

That the appointment of a local Superintendent of Common Schools for the township of Pickering, now vacant, be referred to the standing committee on Education.

Carried.

Mr. Boyd, seconded by Mr. Sprague, moves,

That a special committee be appointed to consist of Messrs. R. H. Smith, Cameron, Taylor, James, and the mover to consider of the propriety of petitioning the Legislature for amendments to the Common School Act, and to report to this council.

Carried.

Adjourned.

FRIDAY, 24*th June*, 1853. (*Fifth Day.*)

The Council met.

The Warden in the chair.

Names called over.

Minutes of yesterday read.

The Warden laid on the table a communication from the chief Superintendent of education, inviting the members of the council to visit the Normal and Model Schools; and also a communication from the local Superintendent of schools for the 4th Riding, in reference to a uniform system of paying teachers.

The chairman of the special committee appointed to consider and report on the propriety of petitioning the Legislature to pass an improved School Act, brought in a report,

Which was read, when

Mr. Boyd, seconded by Mr. Cameron, moves,

That the council do resolve itself into a committee of the whole on the report now read.

Carried.

The council went into committee.

Mr. Allan in the chair.

The committee rose and reported two resolutions.

On the question being put for receiving the report,

Mr. Gamble, seconded by Mr. Sharp, moves,

That the report be not received; but that it be referred back to the committee for the purpose of expunging the word "five" before "per cent," and inserting "twenty-five" instead thereof.

Decided in the negative.

YEAS.—Allan, Burns, Cameron, Dobson, Gamble, Galloway, James, Lynch, Mulholland, Phillips, Reesor, Richardson, Sharp, R. H. Smith, Sprague.—15.

NAYS.—Bridgford, Brabazon, Boyd, Geo. Evans, Jno. Evans, Ewers, Gibbs, Harrison, Paxton, Hughes, Kirkwood, Lumsden, Miller, Price, Stephenson, Sleightholme, Stiles, Taylor, Wheeler, Ward.—20.

Mr. Gibbs moved that Mr. Bolster should be called upon to record his vote.

The Warden decided that he was not present when the question was put, and had no right to vote.

Mr. Gibbs appealed from the decision of the Warden,

Upon which the yeas and nays were taken.

For the appeal.

YEAS.—Bridgford, Bolster, Geo. Evans, Gibbs, Stephenson, Sleightholme.—6.

NAYS.—Allan, Brabazon, Boyd, Burns, Cameron, Dobson, Jno. Evans, Ewers, Gamble, Galloway, Harrison, Paxton, Hughes, James, Kirkwood, Lumsden, Lynch, Miller, Mulholland, Phillips, Reesor, Richardson, Sharp, J. Smith, R. H. Smith, Stiles, Sprague, Taylor, Wheeler, Wright, Ward.—31.

And the decision of the Warden confirmed.

Mr. Gibbs, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, moves,

That the report be not received, but referred back to the committee of the whole, with instructions to amend the same, by striking out all after the word "counties," and inserting between the words "sent" and "be" the following: "to defray the expenses of collection and defalcation."

Decided in the negative.

The report was then received, and the resolutions were read as follows:—

1. That in the opinion of this council the free school system is that best adapted to the wants of the people of this country, and that it is highly desirable that that system should be carried out by the Legislature so soon as the state of public opinion will permit.

Carried.

2. That for the current year a sum equal to the amount of Legislative school grant, £2499, 13s. 5d., together with five per cent be raised by assessment upon the rateable property in the united counties, which said sum shall be strictly applicable to the payment of teachers' salaries, and that only.

Carried.

Mr. Gamble, seconded by Mr. Bridgford, moves,

That the Warden be requested to reply to the invitation of the chief Superintendent of common schools, asking the members of the council to visit the Normal and Model Schools, and state that the council will visit those institutions on Tuesday next, at 2 o'clock.

Carried.

The chairman of the special committee appointed by ballot to equalize the assessment rolls, brought in a report with an abstract of the township rolls, showing the aggregate value of property, real and personal.

Which was read and laid on the table.

And, on motion of Mr. Gibbs, seconded by Mr. Lynch,

The council went into committe of the whole thereon.

Mr. Bridgford in the chair.

The committee rose, and reported the report with some amendments.

On the question being put for receiving the report,

Mr. Ewers, seconded by Mr. Paxton, moves

That the report be not received, but refered back to the committee of the whole, with instructions to amend the report, so as to confirm the assessment rolls received, without any further revision, different from those revised by the township and village municipalities, for the present year.

Decided in the negative.

YEAS.—Ewers, Paxton—2.

NAYS.—Allan, Bridgford, Brabazon, Bolster, Boyd, Burns, Cameron, G. Evans, J. Evans, Gamble, Galloway, Gibbs, Harrison, Hughes, Kirkwood, Lumsden, Lynch, Miller, Phillips, Price, Rowe, Richardson, Stephenson, Sharp, J. Smith, R. H. Smith, Slightholm, Styler, Sprague, Taylor, Wheeler, Wright, Ward.—33.

Mr. Lynch, seconded by Mr. Ewers, moves

That the report be not now received, but that it be referred back to the committee of the whole, with instructions to amend it so far as to confirm the report of the committee for equalizing the assessment rolls.

Decided in the negative.

YEAS.—G. Evans, Ewers, Galloway, Lynch, Paxton, Rowe, Taylor.—7.

NAYS.—Allan, Bridgford, Brabazon, Bolster, Burns, J. Evans, Gamble, Gibbs, Harrison, Hughes, Kirkwood, Lumsden, Miller, Phillips, Price, Richardson, Stephenson, Sharpe, J. Smith, R. H. Smith, Slightholm, Stiles, Sprague, Wheeler, Wright, Ward.—26.

Mr. Gibbs moved the previous question.

Carried.

The main question being then put, the report was received, and the following resolution from the committee of the whole was adopted:—

That the sum of £11,000 be deducted from the assessment of the township of Brock; and that the said amount be added to the following townships, viz., on the township of Reach, £10,000, and on the township of Scott, £1000.

The report as amended was then adopted.

Mr. Stiles, seconded by Mr. R. H. Smith, moves

That when the council adjourns to-morrow, that it do stand adjourned until Monday next, at 2, P.M.

Carried.

Mr. Gibbs, seconded by Mr. Lynch, moves

That the council do adjourn to-morrow at noon.

Carried.

Adjourned.

SATURDAY, *25th June*, 1853. (*Sixth Day.*)

Council met.

The Warden in the chair.

Names called over.

Minutes of yesterday read.

The Warden laid on the table a communication from the Treasurer, enclosing an extract from the minutes of the county council of Simcoe, in reference to a claim on the united counties.

Mr. Gibbs, seconded by Mr. Gamble, moves,

That this council deems the course pursued in the appointment of commissioners, in January last, to confer with the commissioners to be appointed by the county of Simcoe, in order to arrange, if possible, a settlement of the claim set up by the latter county, in consequence of a portion of West Gwillimbury having been detached from it, and annexed to York, Ontario, and Peel, under 14 and 15 Vic. cap. 5, sec. 7, to be one clearly contemplated by, and in strict accordance with the statutes; but as it appears the county of Simcoe has declined to adopt that course, taking a different view of the law, this council now appoint ———, as arbitrator, on behalf of the united counties, to arbitrate on the claim alluded to, with the Honouarble W. B. Robinson, appointed by the county of Simcoe.

Carried.

Mr. Gamble, seconded by Mr. Gibbs, moves,

That the blank be filled up with the name of J. S. Hagarty, Esq.

Mr. Allan, seconded by Mr. Sharpe, moves, in amendment,

That the blank be filled up, by inserting the name of J. W. Gamble, Esq.

Carried.

Mr. Gibbs, seconded by Mr. Gamble, moves,

That the arbitrators, appointed by Simcoe, and York, Ontario, and Peel, be requested, within ten days, to appoint the third; and to meet at as early a day as possible to arrange the claim set up by the county of Simcoe.

Carried.

Adjourned at noon, until 2, P.M., on Monday next.

MONDAY, 27*th June*, 1853. (*Seventh Day.*)

The Council met.

The Warden in the chair.

Names called over.

Minutes of Saturday read.

On the order of the day being read for committee of the whole,

Mr. Lynch, seconded by Mr. Wright, moves,

That the council do not now resolve itself into committee of the whole on the resolutions for raising £100,000 for roads, but that they be referred to a special committee, to be composed of Messrs. Gamble, Rowe, Gibbs, Wheeler, Richardson, Cameron, and the mover, to report thereon forthwith.

Carried.

Mr. Gibbs, seconded by Mr. Lynch moves,

That the petitions of certain inhabitants of the township of Brock, praying for a grant of money to improve Simcoe Street, be now read.

Carried.

The petitions were then read.

Mr. Gibbs, seconded by Mr. Lynch, moves,

That it be resolved

1. That it would facilitate aud expedite the business of the county council in the equalization of the assessment rolls, by the clerks of municipalities, furnishing the county clerk as soon as the said rolls are revized and finally passed, according to statute, with an abstract of the aggregate amount of the number of acres and value of resident and non-resident lands, of horses, cattle, carriages and all other items under each head on the rolls, in order that the county clerk may prepare an abstract of all the rolls in the county, previously to the meeting of the county council.

2. That the county clerk do furnish a copy of the above resolution to the clerks throughout the counties in sufficient time to accomplish the object contemplated therein, with the instruction that furnishing such abstracts shall not dispense with the necessity of forwarding the rolls themselves, with each column correctly added up at the proper time for the examination of the council.

Carried.

The Warden laid on the table a memorial from certain inhabitants of East Gwillimbury, stating that Mr. J. Fletcher, of East Gwillimbury, had had his barn burned together with a considerable quantity of produce, calling upon the council to offer a reward, and to memorialize the Government on the subject.

Mr. Bridgford, seconded by Mr. Allan, moves,

That a special committee be appointed to report to this council what steps are to be taken in the matter of the communication just read, and that said committee do consist of Messrs. Boyd, Wheeler, Price, Hughes, and the mover.

Carried.

The special committee, to whom were referred certain resolutions for raising the sum of £100,000, for the improvement of the leading roads of the counties, reported three resolutions, which were read as follows:—

That in order to provide for the improvement of the public highways generally throughout the united counties of York, Ontario, and Peel, the assistance of this municipality should be granted towards making, constructing, and completing the necessary bridges, macadamized, planked, or gravel roads, either by taking stock in companies now or hereafter to be chartered or authorized, thereby facilitating access to the several railroads, constructing or about to be constructed within the county, or otherwise opening up the county and giving increased facilities for the transportation of the produce of the industry of its people from the place of its production to the principal markets.

2. That the many indirect as well as direct benefits derivable from the improvements of the leading thoro'fares through the county render it highly expedient for the corporation of this county, by By-law, to authorize that the sum of ———, be raised on the credit of the consolidated municipal loan fund.

3. That the improvements to be made by the expenditure of the contemplated loan, shall be distributed throughout the said united counties in proportion to the rateable property contained in each, and the improvements within the bounds of each minor municipality, shall either be made upon the same principle, or when the construction or completion of any road without such bounds would be esteemed a greater benefit to the inhabitants thereof; then, in that case,

the contemplated improvements shall be made without such bounds to a like extent, provided the same be carried out in accordance with the desire of the council of such minor municipality.

Mr. Gamble, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, moves

That the council do now resolve itself into a committee of the whole on the resolutions now read, for the improvement of the leading roads, &c.

Carried.

The council went into committee of the whole.

Mr. Brabazon in the chair.

The committee rose, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again to-morrow.

Report received.

Mr. Gibbs gives notice that he will on to-morrow move the council into committee of the whole to determine the amount requisite to be assessed during the current year.

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, 28*th June*, 1853. (*Eighth Day.*)

The Council met.

The Warden in the chair.

Names called over.

Minutes of yesterday read.

The Warden laid on the table the county engineer's report on the state of the jail; together with several accounts for repairs, &c.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the council went into committee of the whole on certain resolutions reported by the select committee in reference to borrowing a sum of money for the improvement of the leading roads, &c.

Mr. Brabazon in the chair.

The committee rose, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again this evening.

Report received and adopted.

Pursuant to notice, Mr. Gibbs moves, seconded by Mr. Lynch,

That the council do now resolve itself into a committee of the whole to determine the amount to be assessed for county purposes, during the current year.

Carried.

The council went into committee of the whole.

Mr. Boyd in the chair.

The committee rose, and reported a resolution.

On the question being put for receiving the report,

Mr. Gibbs, seconded by Mr. Burns, moves

That the report be not received; but referred back to the committee of the whole, with instructions to amend the same by reducing the sum £1779, being the balance remaining from former years, in order that that sum may be referred with other items to the committee appointed to settle the terms upon which the county of Ontario may separate from the united counties, or to arbitrators who may be appointed for that purpose.

Decided in the negative.

YEAS.—Brabazon, Bolster, Boyd, Burns, Cameron Ewers, Galloway, Gibbs, Harrison, Paxton, Lumsden, Miller, Phillips, Rowe, Taylor.—15.

NAYS.—Allan, Bridgford, Dobson, Geo. Evans, John Evans, Gamble, Hughes, James, Kirkwood, Lynch, Mulholland, Price, Reesor, Richardson, Stephenson, Sharp, J. Smith, R. H. Smith, Sleightholm, Stiles, Sprague, Wheeler, Wright, Ward.—24.

Report received and adopted; and the resolution read as follows:—

Resolved,—That the amount mentioned for county purposes in the report of the finance committee, £5046, of January last, be the sum levied during the current year.

Carried.

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, 29*th June*, 1853. (*Ninth Day.*)

Council met.

The Warden in the chair.

Names called over.

Minutes of yesterday read.

The commissioners for erecting the new court house, brought up their 4th report,

Which was read, and laid on the table.

The standing committee on education brought in a report on the various matters referred,

Which was read.

And, on motion of Mr. Gamble, seconded by Mr. Bridgford,

Ordered—To be taken into consideration by a committee of the whole council, at three o'clock this afternoon.

The council, in committee of the whole, resumed the consideration of the report of the select committee on certain resolutions in reference to borrowing a sum of money for the repair of the leading roads in the counties.

Mr. Brabazon in the chair.

The committee rose and reported the resolutions as adopted, having filled up the blank with £200,000.

(*For Resolutions see page* 45.)

On the first resolution being read, and the question for adoption being put.

Mr. Paxton, seconded by Mr. Ewers, in amendment, moves,

That it be resolved, that council are of opinion that applying to the consolidated Loan Fund for any loan at present, is premature, and that this council does not feel itself warranted in making such application.

Carried.

YEAS.—Brabazon, Bolster, Burns, Dobson, Ewers, Galloway, Paxton, Lumsden, Miller, Rowe, Stephenson, Sharp, J. Smith, Sleightholme, Stiles, Sprague, Taylor, Ward.—18.

NAYS.—Allan, Bridgeford, Boyd, Cameron, Geo. Evans, J. Evans, Gamble, Gibbs, Hughes, James, Lynch, Mulholland, Philips, Price, Richardson, Wright.—16.

On the second resolution being read, and the question for adoption being put,

Decided in the negative.

YEAS.—Allan, Bridgford, Boyd, Cameron, Geo. Evans, J. Evans, Gamble, Gibbs, Hughes, James, Lynch, Mulholland, Phillips, Price, Reesor, Richardson, Wright.—17.

NAYS.—Brabazon, Bolster, Burns, Dobson, Ewers, Galloway, Harrison, Paxton, Lumsden, Miller, Rowe, Stephenson, Sharp, J. Smith, Sleightholme, Stiles, Sprague, Taylor, Ward.—19.

On the third resolution being read, and the question for adoption being put,

Lost on a division.

At 3 P.M., The council went into committee of the whole, on the report of the standing committee on Education, on the various matters referred.

Mr. Burns in the chair.

The committee rose and reported the report as adopted, and three resolutions.

Report received.

And the report of the standing committee on Education, adopted.

The resolutions were read as follows:—

Resolved 1. That the Rev. R. H. Thornton be appointed local superintendent of Schools for the township of Pickering, in the place and stead of the Rev. A. W. Waddell, resigned; whose duties, powers, and liabilities shall commence and be in force from the first day of July next.

Carried.

Resolved 2. That the treasurer pay to the chairman of the county Board of Public Instruction, the sum of £7 15s. 6d., for the necessary and incidental expenses incurred by the Board for the half-year ending 21st June, 1853, being the amount recommended to be paid by the report of the standing committee on education.

Carried.

Resolved 3. That the county clerk be directed to address a circular to each sub-treasurer, requiring him for the future to render his accounts of disbursement of school moneys to the 1st day of March, in each and every year, instead of the 31st day of December; and in every year to bring forward the balance from the last, in conformity with the recommendation of the chief superintendent of education.

Carried.

Mr. Gamble, seconded by Mr. Bridgford, moves,

That the standing committee on education be directed to draft and prepare a bill in accordance with that portion of their general report relating to the endowment of scholarships, and report the same to this council.

Carried.

The standing committee on finance and assessment reported a by-law to assess for county purposes, payment of teachers, &c.,

Which was read the first time, and

On motion of Mr. Gibbs, seconded by Mr. Lynch, to suspend rule 34 being carried,

The by-law was read the second time, and

The Council went into committee of the whole thereon.

Mr. Bolster in the chair.

The committee rose, and reported the by-law with amendments.

Report received.

And the by-law ordered for a third reading to-morrow.

Mr. Lynch, seconded by Mr. James, moves

That the report of the county engineer, on county property, be read.

Carried.

The report was then read.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, 30*th June*, 1853. (*Tenth Day.*)

The Council met.

The Warden in the chair.

Names called over.

Minutes of yesterday read.

A communication from the sheriff in reference to the appointment of housekeeper, laid on the table.

The standing committee on county property, &c., brought in a report.

Which was read, and

On motion of Mr. Lumsden, seconded by Mr. Lynch,

The council went into committe of the whole thereon.

Mr. Wheeler in the chair.

The committee rose, and reported the report as adopted, with amendments and a resolution.

Report received.

And the report of the standing committee adopted.

The resolution was read as follows:—

Resolved, That the sum of one hundred and seventy four pounds 7s. 6d. be paid by the Treasurer to the several persons named in the report of the committee on county property, for work done in the county jail, &c., as certified by the county Engineer.

Carried.

On the question for the third reading of the By-law to assess for county purposes, being put,

Mr. Gibbs, seconded by Mr. Lynch, moves,

That the By-law be not now read a third time, but referred back to the committee of the whole with instructions to amend the same by striking out, in the Schedule, all those sums opposite to Brampton, Oshawa, and Yorkville, under the head, "Payment of Teachers."

Carried.

The council went into committee.

Mr. Bolster in the chair.

The committee rose and reported the By-law, as amended.

Report received.

And amendments adopted.

Mr. Gibbs, seconded by Mr. Lynch, moves,

That the By-law be now read a third time.

Carried.

The By-law was then read the third time, and passed, and ordered to be signed by the Warden.

The standing committee on Education brought in a second report in reference to the mode of paying Teachers' salaries, &c.

Mr. Gamble, seconded by Mr. Sharp, moves,

That the second report of the standing committee on Education be adopted.

Carried.

The standing committee on finance and assessment brought in a report on the various matters referred.

Which was read.

And on motion of Mr. Gibbs, seconded by Mr. Price,

The council went into committee of the whole.

Mr. Taylor in the chair.

The committee rose and reported the report, as adopted, and two resolutions.

Report received.

And the report of the finance committee adopted.

The resolutions were read as follows:—

Resolved 1. That the sum of fifteen pounds be paid to each of the county auditors, for extra services in auditing the sub-treasurer's accounts for school moneys, for the years 1851, 1852, and 1853, pursuant to the recommendation contained in the report of the finance committee.

Carried.

Resolved 2. That a committee be appointed to draft and report to this council a petition to the legislature, setting forth the manner in which the county funds have been encroached upon by the increase of salaries to certain officers connected with the administration of justice, and the payments of accounts for charges sanctioned by the justices of the peace, and not refunded from the consolidated revenue; and praying that the whole disposal of the county funds may be placed under the control of the council.

Carried.

Mr. Gibbs, seconded by Mr. Galloway, moves,

That a committee be appointed to carry out the foregoing resolution, adopted in committee of the whole; and that it be composed of Messrs. Lynch, Taylor, James, and Wheeler.

Carried.

Mr. Gibbs, seconded by Mr. Galloway, moves,

That the committee appointed to draft and report to this council a petition to the legislature, be instructed to include therein such an amendment to the assessment law, as will subject railroad companies and mortgagees to municipal assessment; and again reiterate the demands of this council to the appointment of all local officers, and the regulation of all salaries or fees paid from the county funds; together with such other matters as have been recommended in the reports of committees.

Carried.

Mr. Boyd, seconded by Mr. Sharp, moves,

That when this council adjourns to-morrow, it do so at noon; and that it do stand adjourned *sine die.*

Decided in the negative.

Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Lumsden, moves,

That the council do resolve itself into a committee of the whole to consider the propriety of providing means for the purchasing of maps of Canada, to supply the school sections in the united counties.

Carried.

The council went into committee of the whole.

Mr. Dobson in the chair.

Committee rose, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again to-morrow.

Report received.

Adjourned.

FRIDAY, 1*st July*, 1853. (*Eleventh Day.*)

The Council met.

The Warden in the chair.

Names called over.

Minutes of yesterday read.

The Warden presented a petition from J. Ritchey, for allowance by reason of a loss on county debentures.

The select committee appoint to draft a petition to the legislature for alterations and amendments in several acts, brought in a report with a draft petition.

Which was read, and

And, on motion of Mr. Gibbs, seconded by Mr. Lynch,

The council went into committee.

Mr. Cameron in the chair.

The committee rose and reported the petition with some amendments.

Report received.

And the amendments concurred in.

And the petition read the third time.

On the question for passing being put,

Mr. Boyd, seconded by Mr. Stephenson, moves,

That the petition do not now pass, but that it be referred back to the committee with instructions to amend it by striking out that clause which relates to the prohibition by law of the manufacture and sale of spirituous liquors within the Province.

Decided in the negative.

YEAS.—Boyd, Paxton, Stephenson.—3.

NAYS.—Brabazon, Bolster, Burns, Cameron, Dobson, John Evans, Gamble, Galloway, Gibbs, James, Kirkwood, Lumsden, Lynch, Miller. Mulholland, Phillips, Reesor, Richardson, Sharp, J. Smith, R. H. Smith, Sleightholm, Sprague, Wheeler, Ward.—25.

Mr. Gamble, seconded by Mr. Gibbs, moves,

That the petition be not now passed, but amended by introducing the words "and entirely separate and distinct from the county gaol, after the word "expense."

Carried.

The petition was then read the third time, as amended, and passed, and ordered to be signed by the Warden.

The special committee appointed by ballot to take into consideration the memorial of the provisional council of Ontario, in regard to debts due by the united counties, brought in a report.

Which was received and read.

And, on motion of Mr. Gamble, seconded by Mr. Bridgford,

The Council went into committee of the whole thereon.

Mr. J. Evans in the chair.

The committee rose, and reported the report as adopted.

Report received.

And the report of the special committee adopted.

Mr. Rowe, seconded by Mr. Burns, moves

That the council do go into committee of the whole on the report of the standing committe on roads and bridges.

Carried.

The council went into committee of the whole.

Mr. Mulholland in the chair.

The committee rose, and reported the report as adopted.

Report received.

And on the question being put for adopting the report,

Mr. Lynch, seconded by Mr. Wright, moves,

That the report be not now adopted; but that it be referred back to the committee of the whole with instructions to amend it by expunging that part which recommends the grant of £50 for improving the road called "Simcoe Street."

Decided in the negative.

Mr. Gibbs, seconded by Mr. Gamble, moves,

That the report be not adopted, but referred back to the committee of the whole, with instructions to amend the same by expunging all relating to the grant of £50 to be expended on Simcoe Street; and the following inserted:—

"That the sum of £200 be appropriated for the improvement of the public highways on the county lines, to be, distributed between each county in proportion to its rateable property, and conditioned that the counties of Wellington Halton, and Simcoe appropriate a similar amount."

Decided in the negative.

On the question for the adoption of the report,

Carried.

YEAS.—Allan, Bridgford, Brabazon, Bolster, Boyd, Burns, Cameron, Dobson, Ewers, Gibbs, Lumsden, Miller Mulhollaud, Paxton, Reesor, Rowe, R. H. Smith, Sprague.—18

NAYS.—G. Evans, J. Evans, Gamble, Harrison, James, Lynch, Price, Richardson, J. Smith, Sleightholm, Stiles, Taylor, Wright, Ward.—14.

Mr. Gibbs, seconded by Mr. Bolster, moves,

That it be resolved, that Jacob Ham, J. H. Thomson, Hugh Munro, and Arch. McBain be commissioners to superintend the expenditure of the said sum of fifty pounds on Simcoe Street, as authorised by the adoption of the report.

Carried.

YEAS.—Allan, Bridgford, Brabazon, Bolster, Boyd, Burns, Cameron, Dobson, Ewers, Gibbs, Lumsden, Miller, Mulholland, Paxton, Reesor, Rowe, Sharp, R. H. Smith, Sprague.—19.

NAYS.—G. Evans, J. Evans, Gamble, Harrison, James, Lynch, Price, Richardson, Stephenson, J. Smith, Sleightholm, Stiles, Taylor, Wright, Ward.—15.

The resolution was read as follow:—

Resolved, That James Armstrong and any other person or persons who reside on, or have any claim to lot No. 25, in the fourth concession east of Yonge Street, of the township of York, be, and they are hereby ordered and required to open the road allowance between the said lot, and the township of Markham, by removing their fences, or any other property that may encumber the same; and that Watson Coleson, John Blythe, and Alexander Blythe, be, and they are hereby severally ordered and required to open the road allowance between lot No. 1, in the ninth concession of the township of Markham and the township of Scarboro', by removing their fences or other property that may encumber it; and that the clerk of the council do notify all the said parties of this resolution.

Carried.

Mr. Gibbs, seconded by Mr. Bolster, moves

That the finance committee be instructed to frame a by-law, levying the sum of £50, for the improvement of Simcoe Street, in accordance with the last resolution.

Carried.

YEAS.—Allan, Bridgford, Brabazon, Bolster, Boyd, Burns, Cameron, Dobson, Gibbs, Lumsden, Miller, Mulholland, Reesor, Rowe, Sharp, R. H. Smith, Sprague.—17.

NAYS.—G. Evans, J. Evans, Ewers, Gamble, Harrison, James, Lynch, Paxton, Price, Richardson, Stephenson, J. Smith, Sleightholme, Stiles, Taylor, Wright, Ward.—17.

The members being equal, the Warden voted with the yeas.

The council went into committee of the whole, to consider the propriety of granting a sum of money for the purchase of a map of Canada for the use of the common schools in the united counties.

Mr. Dobson in the chair.

The committee rose and reported a resolution.

Report received.

And the resolution read as follows:—

Resolved, That the sum of £100 be placed at the disposal of the Warden, in connection with the chief Superintendent of Education, for the purpose of procuring a sufficient number of copies of the map of Canada, with the late alterations in county divisions in Canada, East and West, to supply each of the common schools within the bounds of the united counties. And that the finance committee be instructed to prepare a By-law in accordance with this resolution, assessing the united counties for the amount.

Carried.

Mr. R. H. Smith, seconded by Mr. Dobson, moves,

That it be resolved

That this council, on invitation from the chief Superintendent of Education, having visited the Normal and Model Schools on Tuesday last, as one of the days set apart for the admission of visitors, desire to accord their approbation of the management, and the system of education carried on in those schools, which is satisfactory to this council, and creditable to the Superintendent of those institutions.

Carried.

Adjourned.

SATURDAY, 2*nd July*, 1853. (*Twelfth Day.*)

Council met.

The Warden in the chair.

Names called over.

Minutes of yesterday read.

The standing committee on finance and assessment reported two by-laws.

1. To levy for the sum of £50, to improve Simcoe Street,

Which was read the first time, and

On motion of Mr. Gibbs, seconded by Mr. Bolster, to suspend rule 34 being carried,

The by-law was read the second time, and

The council went into committee of the whole.

Mr. Richardson in the chair.

The committee rose, and reported the by-law.

Report received.

And the by-law was read the third time and passed, and ordered to be signed by the Warden.

2. To assess for the sum of £100, in the purchase of maps, &c., for the use of the common schools in the counties.

Which was read the first time, and

On motion of Mr. Gibs, seconded by Mr. Bolster, to suspend the 34th rule, as far as relates to the same, being Carried,

The by-law was read the second time, and

The council went into committee of the whole on the same.

Mr. Galloway in the chair.

The committee rose, and reported the by-law.

Report received.

And the by-law read the third time and passed, and ordered to be signed by the Warden.

The select committee to whom was referred the communication of Edward Bremmer and others, on the subject of the destruction, by fire, of J. Fletcher's barn, and a quantity of produce, in East Gwillimbury, brought in a report.

Which was received and read, and

On motion of Mr. Bridgford, seconded by Mr. Rowe,

Ordered—to be adopted.

The standing committee on contingent accounts brought in a report on the matters referred to them.

Which was read.

And on motion of Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Bridgford,

The council went into committee of the whole thereon.

Mr. James in the chair.

The committee rose and reported the report as adopted, with a resolution.

The report received and adopted; and the resolution was read as follows:—

Resolved, That the treasurer do pay to the several persons named in the report of the committee on contingent accounts the several sums therein mentioned, amounting together to the sum of £36 16s. 4½d., on warrant of the Warden.

Carried.

Mr. Gibbs, seconded by Mr. Lynch moves,

That 500 copies of the petition to the legislature be printed for the use of members of the council; and that the Warden do send a copy thereof to the Warden of each county in Canada West, with a request that the same may be submitted to their respective councils for their concurrence; and in the event of the petition meeting with their approbation, that they unite with the council of these united counties in endeavouring to obtain the measures prayed for, by applying therefor, by similar petitions to the legislature at its next session.

Carried.

Mr. Lynch, seconded by Mr. Gibbs, moves,

That when this council adjourns this day, it do stand adjourned *sine die.*

Carried.

Mr. Gibbs, seconded by Mr. Reesor, moves,

That the communication of Mr. Ritchey, asking this council to make good the discount on the sale of £2000 in debentures, is one which this council cannot entertain.

Carried.

Adjourned *sine die.*

(Signed) JOSEPH HARTMAN,
Warden.

JOHN ELLIOT, *Clerk.*

COMMUNICATION

TO THE COUNCIL BY THE WARDEN.

Circular to Clerks of Counties, notifying them of the Apportionment of the Legislative School Grant for the year 1853, *and other matters.*

SIR,—I have the honor to transmit herewith a certified copy of the Apportionment of the Legislative School Grant for the current year, to the several Townships of the County Municipality of which you are clerk. You will please lay this communication before your County Council at its next meeting, and notify each local Superintendent of School in your County of this apportionment, so far as it relates to his charge, as provided in the 1st clause of the 31st section of the School Act of 1850.

2. I have delayed the making of this apportionment six week beyond the time contemplated by the School Act. I have done so because it was not until last week that the Legislature decided upon a proposition which I submitted to the favorable consideration of the Government some months since, to increase the Legislative Annual School Grant. I am happy to say that by the enlightened liberality of the Government and Legislature, I am enabled to apportion an aggregate sum of £4,000 more this year than last to the several Municipalities of Upper Canada in aid of Common Schools, besides an additional sum of £500 in "special aid of Common Schools in new and poor Townships," besides an appropriation of £1000 per annum in further aid of the Normal and Model Schools, and for supplying, gratuitously, a copy of the *Journal of Education* to each School Corporation and local Superintendent in Upper Canada, and £500 per annum towards the establishment of a Provincial Museum and Library, and £500 per annum towards forming a fund for the support of a superanuated or worn-out Common School Teachers in Upper Canada. I am sure every friend of education will rejoice with me at these increased means and facilities for sustaining and extending our school system, and placing our beloved country in the first rank of educating and educated countries on the face of the globe.

3. The last general census of the population, recently revised and corrected in the statistical department of the Government, is the basis on which I have made the School apportionment for the current year.

4. I must again solicit the special attention of your County Concil to the 1st, 4th, and 5th clauses of the 27th section of the School Act, requiring each County Council to provide for the punctual payment, the security, and the proper accounts of the expenditure of all school moneys within its jurisdiction. In my circular to county Clerks last year, (printed in my annual school Report for 1851, pp. 158-162), I showed how impossible it is for me to know whether the conditions and requirements of the law have been fulfilled in any county or township, without full and accurate accounts of the expenditure of

school moneys. I afterwards transmitted to each county Clerk a printed blank account of school moneys, with full and minute directions for filling it up. Yet this year's county returns of the expenditure of school moneys are almost as defective as were those of last year. In about three-fourths of these returns, the expenditure of considerable sums as imperfectly or not at all accounted for; defects in financial accounts which, were they to occur in the returns of any of the Executive Departments of the Government, would be the subject of reprobation in the Legislature and by the press generally. The frequent and accurate accounting for the expenditures of all public moneys, is on the essential means of securing their faithful application, and one of the essential conditions of good government; but if it should continue to appear that in those bodies which are directly elected by the people, and in regard to moneys specially devoted to the intellectual improvement of the country, there is the least strictness and accuracy in accounting for the expenditure of school moneys, the fact will go far to prove the inefficiency of elective bodies, or that our country is not prepared for the operation of the elective system, in such affairs. I trust that every friend to that system in your council, and every friend to the progress of education, will see that punctual, accurate, and full returns be made of all school moneys expended within its jurisdiction, and that the portion of the school fund to be provided by your council will be punctually payable at the times prescribed by law.

5. I have reason to believe that in many, if not in most, instances, there has been no want of attention in preparing the returns of school moneys required by law. but I am assured that the irregularity chiefly arises from the want of punctuality or faithfulness on the part of sub-Treasurers, who, in many cases, I am told, are regarded as township officers, and who give no security to the county council for school moneys placed in their hands. On this point I beg to remark, that if any township Treasurer acts as sub-Treasurer of school moneys, he does so, not as a township officer, but as a county officer, and by virtue of appointment of the county council, as provided for by the 4th clause of the 27th section of the school Act of 1850, and to which council he is to give security for the safe-keeping and punctual payment of school moneys entrusted to him, and in the case of the loss of any part of such moneys, on account of proper security not having been taken by the county council, the 43d section of the Act makes the members of the county council personally responsible for such moneys.

6. On this important subject I would offer the following suggestions for the consideration of your County Council. *Firstly*: Whether it be necessary at all to appoint any sub-treasurers of school moneys in your county. Most of the counties are much smaller than in former years—facilities for travelling and business are greater—a local superintendent's check to a school teacher is as good as a bank note, and can easily be cashed by shopkeepers or other men of business in any part of a county. *Secondly*: That if it be still deemed necessary to appoint sub-treasurers of school moneys, they be each required to lodge their bonds for the security of such moneys with the County Clerk. *Thirdly*: That each sub-treasurer be directed to keep accounts of the legislative grant and municipal assessment parts of the school fund *separate*, and carry forward the balances of former years. *Fourthly*: That no sub-treasurer be paid the legislative grant for the current year, until he shall have satisfacto ily accounted for the school moneys in his hands for the preceding year: that in each such case, the County Treasurer pay out all school moneys belonging to the townships concerned. *Fifthly*: That in order to secure uniformity in the accounting for school moneys, the treasurer or sub-treasurers be required to make up their accounts to the 1st of March in each year, accompanied with vouchers to the county Auditors; and I will extend the time for the auditors to examine them, and the county Clerk to transmit to this department the abstract of them, together with the Auditors' general report, as required by law, until the 1st of April, leaving myself but one month instead of two to examine the returns before making the annual apportionment of the legislative school grant. *Sixthly*: That each local superintendent be instructed to transmit to the county Auditors a statement of the apportionment made, and the checks issued by him, that the auditors may thus be able to detect any error, (or fraud, if any should be attempted,) on the part of teachers or Treasurers. Thus will all parties concerned, stand above suspicion, and the accurate accounting for school moneys will be satisfactory, and complete. I may add, that I practise the same careful and accurate system of accounting for all public moneys that pass through my hands, which I wish to see observedin each municipality in Upper Canada.

7. In conclusion, I have great pleasure in referring to the Supplementary School Bill, which has just been passed by the Legislature, and the provision of which remedy nearly all the defects which the experience of three years, and a tour of consultation to the several counties of Upper Canada, have pointed out in the school Act of 1850, without changing any of the organic principles or general provisions of that Act. I have no doubt that the provisions of the supplementary school act will greatly contribute to the removal of doubts and embarrassments, the lessening of disputes, the increase of facilities, in the administration of the school law, and the rapid diffusion of education and general knowledge throughout Upper Canada. The increase this year in the Legislative grant for the support of common schools will require a corresponding increase in the amount of municipal school assessment; and as the 13th section of the Supplementary school act does not permit in any school division in Upper Canada, any rate-bill imposed to exceed one shilling and threepence per month for each pupil; and as an act has been passed, enabling each county council to equalize all assessments on property, it may deserve the consideration of your county council, how far it may be advisable to increase the municipal assessment for the support of schools—thus relieving the Trustees, to a great degree, from an onerous part of their duty, and rendering the schools virtually free to every child in the land.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

E. RYERSON.

Education Office,
Toronto, 18th June, 1853.

*** *See Apportionment at the end of Appendix.*

APPENDIX.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, 1853.

Report of Standing Committee on Finance and Assessment, on the several matters referred.

To the Counties' Council.

The standing committee on Finance and Assessment beg to report on the several matters referred to them, as follows:—

Your committee have gone through the Treasurer's accounts, and find in them no improper charges. The balance against the united counties, on 31st December last, was £2739 11s. 7d., and on the 31st March, it was £2736 13s. The Provincial Secretary's account for books, amounting to £26 15s., your committee recommend to be paid; and congratulate the council that the procuring of books for county registers has at last been placed under the control of those who have to pay for them.

The application of the Auditors for an increase of salary, in consequence of the extra amount of labour performed, in auditing the Sub-treasurer's school accounts, not contemplated when their salaries were fixed in 1851, your committee recommend should be granted, and that the additional sum be £5 per annum for the years 1851, 1852, and 1853 in consideration of such extra services.

Your committee would call the attention of your council to the increase of £50, made in the salary of the High Constable, by the magistrates in session, an act, the propriety of which your committee have yet to learn. Your committee would again reiterate the recommendations of former years, and that petitions should be sent to the Legislature, praying that the appointment of all county officers and their remuneration should be placed under the control of the county council, being the guardian of the interests of those who are affected by such appointments. Your committee have prepared a resolution which they submit for the consideration of your council upon the matter referring to the High Bailiff's salary.

All which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) THOS. N. GIBBS,
Chairman.

Committee Room,
30th June, 1853.

[ADOPTED.]

Report of the Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges on the various matters referred.

To the Counties' Council.

The standing committee on roads and bridges, having considered various matters referred to them, beg most respectfully to make this their general report:—

With reference to the petition of Ross and other inhabitants of the township of Etobicoke, residing near the boundary line, between Etobicoke and the Gore of Toronto, praying for settlement of the question of a road allowance between the said township of Etobicoke and the Gore of Toronto.

Your committee are of the opinion that no action should be taken in the matter in question, inasmuch as the reports of the Deputy Provincial Surveyors, Mr. J. S. Dennis and Mr. D. Gibson, who were directed by the government to examine the question, are entirely contradictory to each other, and further because an action is now pending in the Court of Queen's Bench, by which the legal merits of the matter in dispute will be tested.

With reference to the petition of John Reesor and others, freeholders and householders of the township of Markham, praying for an order of this council to open the road allowance between the said township of Markham and the township of Scarboro', now in the possession of Messrs. Watson Colison, John Blythe, and Alex. Blythe, who reside on lot No. 1, in the ninth concession of Markham; and also the petition of John Duncan and other inhabitants of the township of York, Markham, and Scarboro', praying that the necessary steps be taken to open certain road allowances between the said townships of York and Markham, as established by the report of Messrs. Gibson and McPhillips, Deputy Provincial Surveyors, who were directed by the Government to establish said lines, that your committee are of opinion that the prayer of both petitioners should be granted, and that the necessary steps should be taken at once to open the roads in question.

With reference to the petition of Lachlan Davidson and other freeholders and householders of the township of Brock, and of Jacob Ham and others, freeholders and householders of the townships of Thorah and Brock, praying for aid and assistance to improve the county road, known as Simcoe Street, between the county of Ontario and the united counties of Peterborough and Victoria; and whereas the municipality of the united counties of Peterborough and Victoria, have granted £50 for the improvements of the said road, provided that as soon as the township of Mariposa and Elden expend £25 each, and the township of Brock and the county expend £100 on said Simcoe Street, and whereas the municipality of the township of Mariposa have passed a by-law granting £25 for said road, subject to similar restrictions, after giving those petitions their consideration and comparing the situation of those petitioners with other parts of the county, and knowing, from that cause, great inconvenience often arises for want of those improvements, and although your committee are of opinion, that the council are not prepared to enter upon a plan, and undertake the improvements of all the town lines and county roads as contemplated by the act, your committee would think it advizable for the county to appropriate a like sum of £50 to that granted by the united counties of Peterborough and Victoria, provided the respective townships of Brock and Thorah will comply with the requirements of the said by-law, passed by the united counties of Peterborough and Victoria.

All which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) JAMES ROWE,
Chairman.

Committee Room,
29th June, 1853.

Report of the Standing Committee on County Property on the various matters referred.

To the Counties' Council.

The standing committee on County Property and Gaol Management, beg leave to report:—

That your committee have visited the county gaol, and have pleasure in bearing testimony to the efficient manner in which that institution is superintended by the present gaoler, fully sustaining the high character which has prevailed in its management for several years past.

Your committee have had referred to them the accompanying half-yearly report of the county Engineer, together with the accounts for repairs and painting au-

thorized by your council at its last session, which, your committee regret, have involved a greater expense than was anticipated. As the accounts are certified by the county Engineer, your committee recommend that they be paid to the following:—

John Harper	£106	17	5
A. Hamilton	57	10	2
J. R. Armstrong	2	13	7½
F. Thomas	3	16	3
R. Blair	2	0	0
R. McCort	1	10	0
	£174	7	6

In reference to the suggestions of the county engineer of a conference with the city authorities, with the view of the improvements of streets, both in front and rear of the court house, your committee would recommend that the Warden, with the assistance of the Engineer, be authorised to confer with the city authorities for the purpose of obtaining such improvement.

With respect to the internal management of the court house and furniture, your committee would recommend that an inventory of the furniture in the court house be taken; and that such furniture be placed in charge of the county Engineer and Clerk of the council, who shall have the control of the housekeeper, in respect to the care and cleansing of such furniture and the court house.

The housekeeper has made application to your committee for an increase of his salary, which has heretofore been £35 per year, exclusive of extra payments, which have uniformly been made him for attendance on the council during session. He asks this increase in consequence of the additional labour required in the more extensive arrangements of the new court house, as compared with the old one; but as the court house is yet scarcely completed; and the duties of the housekeeper cannot now be fully ascertained, your committee are not prepared at present to recommend any change in his salary; but would recommend that the council at its next session do take the opinion of the county Engineer and Clerk of the council on that subject. Your committee, however, would not object to an additional grant, in the meantime, if your council would deem it advisable.

Your committee would particularly call the attention of your council to the statement of the county Engineer, that further and more expensive repairs are required for the gaol, owing to defects in the construction of the walls, and the nature of the stone. He recommends the pointing and painting of the whole of the external face of the walls—involving an expense of from £250 to £300.

Your committee have some reluctance in recommending such a considerable additional outlay on the gaol, taking into consideration the unsatisfactory arrangement, with the city authorities in that respect, and also the probability that the union of these counties will be dissolved at no distant day. But considering also, that while these counties remain united their interests should all be as one, aad that no misunderstanding with other corporations should divert this council from a proper regard for the health of the prisoners in the Jail, and the protection of the county property from injury and decay.

Your committee feel bound to recommend that the county Engineer be authorized to procure the repairs to the Jail mentioned in his report (the outside painting of the stone excepted) as absolutely necessary.

All which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) JOHN LYNCH,
Chairman.

Committee Room,
30th June, 1853.

First Report of the Standing Committee on Education on the various matters referred.

To the Counties' Council.

The standing committee on education, to whom was referred the official circular from the Chief Superintendent of common schools, apportioning the legislative school grant for 1853,—the accounts of expenses of the county Board of Public Instruction,—the communication from the Rev. Mr. Waddell,—the petition to the legislature from the united counties of Stormont, Dundas, and Glengary,—together with the sub-treasurers' accounts to the 31st December, 1852, and the auditors' report thereon, beg to report:—

That they have had the above documents under consideration, and recommend that the resignation, by the Rev. Mr. Waddell, of the office of local superintendent for the township of Pickering be accepted, and that the Rev. Mr. Thornton be appointed for the residue of the present year in his stead.

Your committee have examined the accounts of expenses of the county Board of Public Instruction, and and recommend that with the exception of the claim of Mr. Thos. Nixon, for his personal expenses in attending the meetings of the Board during the past year, those accounts should be paid. The council have invariably resisted claims on the part of the local Superintendents for such expenses, as their minutes abundantly show. At the last session of this council the salaries of those officers were increased to one pound five shillings from each school, with the express understanding that no charges for expenses of the Board of Instruction was to be defrayed from the county funds, advertising and stationery alone excepted. Your committee cannot therefore recommend any departure from the rule laid down, in the case of Mr. Nixon.

With respect to the official circular from the Chief Superintendent, your committe have to state that the council have long ago provided for the punctual payment, the security and the proper accounting of the expenditure of all the school moneys for this county, that the county clerk, previous to the first March, transmitted properly, filled up the return required by the chief Superintendent of the 31st December, 1852, made up from the accounts of the Sub-Treasurers, and which accounns have been audited by the county auditors, and found correct—an abstract of which is appended to this report. Your committee are not aware of irregularity or neglect on the part of any of the county officers connected with the educational department; and consequently those portions of the superintendent's circular, in relation to the safekeeping and accounting of public moneys, has no application to these united counties.

That the alteration proposed, of making up the accounts to the 1st March, instead of the 31st December previous, be carried out, if deemed of sufficient importance, although many objections may be urged against adopting a broken period in fiscal matters for closing accounts. Should the council be of opinion that it is advisable to adopt the plan recommended, then, in that case, every sub-treasurer should be notified of the change by the county clerk, and required to make up his accounts to the prescribed period; and, as usual, to furnish them without fail immediately after its expiration.

With respect to the abolition of the office of sub-treasurer, in the manner proposed by the circular, your committee can only say, that with the present feeling in the council on that subject, it is simply out of the question.

Another mode, however, suggests itself to your committee viz., the direct payment of the legislative school grant by the chief superintendent to the township treasurers, without the intervention of the county treasurer at all, which would be an improvement upon the present unnecessarily complicated and round, about process.

The third recommendation set forth in the circular, that the sub-treasurers be required to keep separate accounts of the legislative grant and municipal assessment, rendered necessary by the late act, supplementary to the common school act, giving increased facilities for the establishment of separate schools, a system to which this council has always been opposed, should be communicated to the sub-treasurers without loss of time, that they may at once be made aware of the change required in the manner of keeping their accounts; for which purpose it is recommended that the county clerk be directed to address a circular to each sub-treasurer, requiring his compliance with that recommendation of the chief superintendent.

Your committee beg to call the attention of the council to the report of the standing committee on education, of the 4th February, 1850, in which it was recommended that the council should provide for the endowment of certain scholarships and exhibitions at the University and Upper Canada College, to be competed for by the scholars of the grammar schools within the county—a recommendation that the present committee heartily reiterate; and, in addition thereto, they are of opinion, that in order to complete a continuous chain by which a poor pupil of one of our common schools can gradually rise, if possessed of talent, and by his own industry and perseverence, obtain the advantage of a university education, it is advisable that provision be made from the county funds for one free scholarship in each grammar school, to continue for three years, and to be competed for annually by the children of the common schools within the circuit in which the grammar school is situated. From the best information your committee can obtain, they are led to believe that the sum of twenty pounds per annum would be sufficient for each such scholarship—a sum utterly insignificant when compared with the great advantages that would result from the stimulus to exertion thus given to the youth of the county, by opening a way to the highest distinctions in the land, and making that way freely accessible to the child of the poorest of the community.

All which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) J. W. GAMBLE,
Chairman.

Committee Room,
29th June, 1853.

[ADOPTED.]

REPORT OF COUNTY AUDITORS on SUB-TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS of SCHOOL MONEYS, shewing the Amounts Received, Paid to Teachers, Balance in hand, &c., &c., to 31st December, 1852.

TOWNSHIPS.	Legislative Grant Received.	Municipal Assessment Received.	Balance from last Year and other sources.	Total on hand available for 1852.	Amount paid to Teachers.	Balance on hand 31st Dec. 1852.	Amount of Assessment for 1852 not received.
Albion	£84 14 6¾	£105 15 4	£20 10 8¼	£211 0 7	£169 19 1	£41 1 6	
Brock	69 12 6½	88 10 4	26 15 2½	184 18 1	160 17 1½	24 0 11½	
Chinguacousy	147 16 5¾	155 14 1	23 9 1¾	326 19 8½	312 8 7½	14 11 1	
Caledon	73 7 4½	88 4 3	96 2 5	257 14 0½	205 5 6¼	52 8 6½	
Etobicoke	67 9 9½	77 8 8	37 0 10⅓	181 19 4	134 14 7	47 4 9	£77 12 9
Georgina	19 17 10	20 12 7	15 16 6	56 6 11	38 19 11¾	17 6 11¼	
Gwillimbury North	21 12 7½	25 14 8	27 0 3	74 7 6½	50 9 5	23 18 1½	
Gwillimbury East	61 2 6	63 9 5¼	179 5 5½	303 17 4¾	183 5 3¾	120 12 1	
Gore of Toronto	36 0 5	53 9 9	53 12 7	143 2 9	112 15 8	30 7 1	
King	127 14 8¼	153 1 10	47 18 6¼	328 15 0¾	231 12 10¾	97 2 2	
Markham	137 11 10	178 5 9	16 8 0	332 5 5	330 12 0	1 13 5	0 9 5
Mara and Rama	27 15 4¼	---	14 9 7	42 4 11¼	21 9 7	20 15 4½	14 9 7
Pickering	133 6 9	160 1 2	17 18 0	311 5 11	311 5 11	---	
Reach and Scugog	85 6 10	70 15 0½	12 4 7¼	168 6 5¾	144 17 7¾	23 8 10	4 12 9½
Scarboro'	83 17 1¾	81 9 3	6 6 5½	171 12 10¼	153 15 3	17 17 7¼	
Scott	20 6 11	14 9 7	5 6 7¾	40 3 1¾	33 12 6¾	6 10 7	
Toronto	149 4 2½	176 3 11	20 8 4	345 16 5½	331 0 4¼	14 16 1¼	
Thorah	22 13 7½	24 0 1	---	46 13 8½	31 14 7½	14 19 1	
Uxbridge	45 6 0	30 13 10	6 14 2¾	82 14 0¾	62 13 8¾	20 0 4	
Vaughan	152 11 1	171 6 6	228 16 11¾	552 14 6¾	307 0 0	245 14 6¾	
Whitby	158 5 1	137 18 4	8 0 7½	304 4 0½	281 15 4¾	22 8 7¾	
Whitchurch	91 2 5	93 6 3	31 8 1½	215 16 9½	171 2 1	44 14 8½	
York	198 12 2¼	185 0 0	217 18 4	601 10 6¼	395 10 1	206 0 5¼	12 2 4

N. GATCHELL,
R. MOORE,
Auditors of Sub-Treasurers' Accounts.

Extract from the Report of the County Auditors on Sub-Treasurers' Accounts, with schedule.

To the Counties' Council.

"We have examined and audited the sub-treasurers' accounts for school moneys—a report or schedule of which we herewith submit for the information of the council. Those accounts we found correct (the vouchers accompanying), and the disbursements agreeing; but in many instances the vouchers were not endorsed. This we would beg to call the attention of the council to, that the sub-treasurers may be instructed to have all the vouchers endorsed or receipted in future.

(Signed) N. GATCHELL,
R. MOORE,
County Auditors.

26th June, 1853."

Second Report of the Standing Committee on Education on the mode of paying Teachers.

To the Counties' Council.

The standing committee on education, to whom was referred the communication from Mr. Thomas Nixon, in relation to the mode of paying the teachers, beg to report:—

That the communication is not sufficiently explicit to enable the committee to be certain whether the mode of raising the money for the payment of common school teachers, or the distribution of the common school fund among the school sections, is the question submitted for the decision of the council; but in either case, your committee are not aware that the council can exercise any control in the matter. By the common school act, the people in each school section, at their annual meeting, determine the manner in which the money is to be raised with which the local superintendent has nothing to do. The same act requires the local superintendents to distribute the fund for the teachers' salaries among the various sections in proportion to the average attendance of the pupils attending each common school, unless otherwise directed by the chief superintendent, to whom the additional power has been given by the act supplementary to the school act, of directing the apportionment, in proportion to the length of time in the year that each school has been taught by a legally qualified teacher. This council can therefore only act in the way of suggestion; and your committee recommend that the distribution be made by the local superintendents in proportion to the number of children between the age of five and sixteen in each section,—a mode the least open to objection in the opinion of your committee of any hitherto devised.

All which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) J. W. GAMBLE,
Chairman.

Committee Room,
30th June, 1853.

[ADOPTED.]

Report of the Standing Committee on Contingent Accounts, &c.

To the Counties' Council.

Your committee, having examined the several accounts referred to them, believe the same to be correct, yet, notwithstanding the amouut of bill rendered by C. Gamble, Esq., is exceedingly large; yet your committee considering that the investigation of the By-law, and also the settlement of the case between the Canada Company and Treasurer on behalf of this council, has necessarily caused a great amount of trouble: your committee would therefore beg leave to recommend that the same be paid by the Treasurer, together with the several accounts hereunto annexed, upon warrant of the Warden, viz:—

To C. Gamble, Esq. for various opinions respecting By-law, Canada Company, Taxes, &c. - - - - - - - - - - - -	£21	18	9
To the Post Master for postage of letters, paper, &c., for half-year ending 21st June, 1853 - - - - - - - - - - - -	2	17	11
To Brewer, McPhail, & Co. for Stationery, &c. for County Council and Clerk's office, up to June 21st, 1853 - - - - - - - -	2	4	6
To G. Thomas, for printing Bills, &c. - -	0	11	3
To J. Lesslie, for advertising, &c. - - - -	0	18	6
To Clerk, for sundries—paid - - - - - -	0	18	7
To N. Gatchell, for services rendered - -	1	10	0
To J. Blair, Messenger 12 days, @ 6s. 3d.	3	15	0
To C. Davis, Constable, 12 days @ 6s. 3d.	3	15	0
To Messenger, for disbursements - - -	0	6	10½
	£38	16	4½

All which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) JOHN RICHARDSON,
Chairman.

Committee Room,
2nd July, 1853.

[ADOPTED.]

Report of Special Committee on Amendments to the Common School Act.

To the Counties' Council.

The special committee appointed to consider the propriety of petitioning the legislature to amend the present common school act, respectfully report:—

That they have given the subject their best consideration, and would recommend your council to petition the legislature to repeal the present common school law, and substitute therefor one general comprehensive free school act for Canada West. And, in order that the youth of our land derive that advantage which the free school system is calculated to confer upon the community, suitable provision should be made to compel parents and guardians to send the children under their care regularly and punctually to school.

All which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) JOHN BOYD,
Chairman.

Committee Room,
June 24th, 1853.

Report of the Select Committee appointed to draft a Petition to the Legislature, praying for certain Amendments and Alterations in the Common School Act, the Assessment Act, &c.

To the Counties' Council.

The select committee appointed to draft and report a petition to the legislature praying for amendments in several of the acts connected with the working of the municipal system, report the following draft:—

All which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) T. N. GIBBS,
Chairman.

Committee Room,
1st July, 1853.

To the Honourable the Legislative Assembly of Canada, in Parliament assembled,

The Petition of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of York, Ontario, and Peel, in Council assembled,

Respectfully Sheweth:—

That your petitioners have taken into consideration the further amendments and alterations which they deem it necessary and expedient to make in the Assessment Act, the Municipal Corporations' Act, the School Act, and the License Act, &c., with the view to ensure the more harmonious working of the municipal system. And your petitioners would respectfully direct the attention of your honourable house, in the first place to the assessment law, urging the necessity of its amendment, by giving the power to the several municipalities to tax for local purposes, the personal and real estate of all chartered and railroad companies; and also that mortgagees may be placed upon the same footing as other capitalists in the levying and collection of municipal assessments.

Your petitioners would again, as they have repeatedly before, urge upon your honourable house the necessity, as well as the justice, of giving to your petitioners the appointment of not only such local county officers as are already vested in city corporations, such as coroners, but also sheriff, registrar, clerk of the peace, clerk of the county court, and the regulation of all salaries, fees, and allowances, paid out of the county funds, or moneys raised and levied upon the people, believing that the body who raise the taxes, should have the entire control and management of their application.

And your petitioners respectfully call the especial attention of your honourable house to the facts which have lately occurred in these counties, where increase of salaries has been made by justices of the peace (an irresponsible body to your petitioners), to certain officers connected with the administration of justice; and the payment of accounts, for charges not refunded from the consolidated revenue, without reference to your petitioners, who are called upon to find the money—a practice altogether, in the opinion of your petitioners, opposed to the harmonious working of the municipal system.

The appointment, too, of the keeper of the court house is not vested in your petitioners, but in that of an irresponsible party to your petitioners—the county sheriff; and they would urge the necessity of the appointment being given to your petitioners, by reason that the court house is the property of the counties, paid for out of the funds of the people, and, consequently, should be in the charge and care of parties appointed by, and responsible to your petitioners; more especially as in these counties a new court house has recently been erected at considerable expense, *entirely separate* and *distinct* from the county gaol.

Your petitioners respectfully reiterate the prayer contained in a paragraph of one of their former petitions:—

"That your honourable house will take it into your serious consideration how far it may be advisable and expedient to prohibit by law, the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors in this Province."

And until a law be enacted for that purpose, the granting of licenses to distillers, the regulation and control of whiskey-stills, together with the duties derivable from their manufacture, your petitioners desire should be placed under their control.

And it is with feelings of deep regret that your petitioners have discovered in the supplementary common school act, lately passed, that the principle of separate schools is again recognized, which, were it carried out to any extent, your petitioners believe would be highly injurious to the working of the common school system; and that in the opinion of your petitioners, it is desirable that no one religious denomination should be preferred before another; and as far as the common school fund is concerned, no facilities should be given for the establishment of sectarian and separate schools; but that every inducement be held out for the children of all denominations to meet upon common ground in the public schools, to receive a secular education, leaving the religious part of it to be conducted by the parent or pastor. Your petitioners, therefore, most urgently call upon your honourable house to repeal such part of the common school act which sanctions the establishment of separate and sectarian schools with the aid of the public money in any manner whatever.

Your petitioners also regret, that in the amended acts relating to Grammar schools and University College, no provision is made for the admission of free scholars in those institutions, as provided for in former acts. Your petitioners therefore pray that such alterations may be made in the acts relating to grammar schools, Upper Canada College, and University College, as will make provision for the education of a certain number of free scholars in each of those institutions.

And your petitioners pray, that your honourable house

will take the above matters into your serious consideration, and grant such relief as may be deemed just and proper.

And as in duty bound will ever pray, &c.

(Signed) JOSEPH HARTMAN,
Warden.

Council Chamber,
1st July, 1853.

[ADOPTED.]

Report of the Special Committee to whom was referred the Memorial of the Provisional Council of Ontario, to arrange and settle the liabilities of the United Counties.

To the Counties' Council.

The special committee, to whom was referred the memorial of the provisional council of the county of Ontario, setting forth a proposition as a basis upon which they are willing to settle and arrange all and every the debts and liabilities for which the united counties are holden, and to confer with such of the members of this council as are from the county of Ontario, beg to report, that they have had the said memorial under consideration, and have also had a conference with such of the members of this council as are also members of the provisional council. Your committee, on referring to the Statute 12th, Victoria, Chap. 78, clause 15, find that the only matter for agreement between a junior county about to be set off as a separate county, and the senior county, is the adjustment and settlement of the proportion, if any, of any debt due by the union, and which it may be just that such junior county should, on its being disunited, take upon itself.

Since the passing of the By-law, imposing the assessment for the current year, there is no debt of the union, the payment of which is unprovided for, and for which the county of Ontario is jointly liable, or towards the liquidations of which, in the opinion of your committee, they, if separated in January next, could justly be called upon to contribute, with the exception of the debentures issued to defray the expenses of the erection of the new Court House, and a claim upon the united counties made by the county of Simcoe, and arising from the annexation of certain portions of the last-named county to the immediately adjoining townships of the united counties—a claim not yet adjusted. The amount of unredeemed debentures payable subsequently to the 1st Jan., 1854, will be £1600; the proportion of which, receivable from the county of Ontario, ascertained by the equalized assessment for the current year is £425 10s.—this, together with their proportion of any sum that may be awarded against the united counties, as due to the county of Simcoe, constitutes the whole proportion of any debt, the payment of which the senior county could demand that the county of Ontario, when about to be separated, should take upon itself. This debt has been contracted solely for the erection of the new Court House—the use of which the junior county will, if set off in January next, have then enjoyed for only one year, and towards the expense of which they will then have contributed by direct assessment the sum of £161 4s. 3d. By the 20th clause of the statute before cited, it is enacted that upon the proclamation for the disuniting of a junior county, all the public property of such union, situate, lying, and being within the limits of such junior county, shall, *ipso facto*, become the sole property of, and be thereupon rested, in such junior county. The property now unsold within the limits of the county of Ontario, consists of several lots of wild land detailed in the memorandum appended to this report, and according to the valuation placed upon them amounting to £262 10s. The residue of the lands within the same limits, formerly the property of the united counties, have been sold, and the purchase money received, less the balance of £213 9s. 8d. still due. This latter constitutes the claims alluded to in the memorial from the council of Ontario; and which, they think should be relinquished to them as a consideration for paying their proportion of the £2000 debentures due in 1852 and 1853, in the two years amounting to £161 4s. 3d., as before stated.

By the statute before mentioned, before a provisional council can be in a position lawfully to enter into an

agreement with the council of the senior county for the purposes stated, it is necessary that their county buildings should have been erected. The memorial from the county of Ontario, and the proposition therein contained, can only be regarded as a preliminary proceeding, with a view to expedite a final arrangement so soon as the provisional council are placed in a position to act efficiently. Your committee, therefore, after duly reflecting upon all the circumstances set forth in the memorial, and hearing what the provisional councillors had to state, recommend that the following proposition be submitted to the council of Ontario, as the conditions for a final arrangement between the two counties to which this council are ready to assent, viz.:—

That this council will relieve the county of Ontario from the payment of that proportion of the residue of the residue of the £2000 debentures for the erection of the court house, which will become due after the present year, or in the event of the law requiring that assessment therefor be actually made, by refunding to that county the sum so assessed and levied. That with the exception of the unsettled claim of the county of Simcoe, there is no other debt or liability of the united counties, to the payment of which, in the opinion of this council, it would be just to require the county of Ontario to contribute. Provided in both cases, that the separation be effected on the termination of the present year. That no further sales of the public property situate within the limits of the county of Ontario be made, so that that portion now remaining unsold, may, under the provision of the statute at the time of the separation, become vested in the county of Ontario.

All which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) J. W. GAMBLE,
Chairman.

Committee Room,
1st July, 1853.

[ADOPTED.]

Lands unsold and sold in the County of Ontario, shewing the balances due thereon.

UNSOLD.

	Value.
No. 11, 7th con. Uxbridge	£50 0 0
No. 18 & 19, 8th con. do.	12 10 0
W. half 9, 1st con. Scott	50 0 0
N. half 5, 2nd do. do.	50 0 0
W. half 13, 3rd do. do.	100 0 0
	£262 10 0

BALANCES YET DUE.

From A. Quibble, W. half, 1st con. Scott	£25 0 0
From W. Fawn, 31, 6th con. do.	67 9 8
From S. Tiffin, 29, 7th do.	117 10 0
From B. Armstrong, East half 3, 1st con. do.	3 10 0
	£213 9 8

Report of Special Committee in reference to the burning of J. Fletcher's Barn, &c.

To the Counties' Council.

The select committee, to whom was referred the communication of Edward Bramers and others of the township of East Gwillimbury, on the subject of the burning of John Fletcher's Barn, respectfully report:—

That they have given the subject their best consideration; and cannot recommend your council to offer any sum as a reward, but would urge upon the council to memorialize the government, requesting them to take such action on the matter as they in their wisdom may see fit.

All which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) D. BRIDGFORD,
Chairman.

Committee Room,
2nd July, 1853.

[ADOPTED.]

Fourth Report of the Commissioners appointed to Superintend the Erection of the New Court House.

To the Counties' Council.

The commissioners appointed to superintend the construction of the new Court House, beg leave to submit the accompanying report of the county Engineer, explanatory of the present position of the works:—

It appears that in consequence of the difficulties named, the works are still in some measure incomplete, and that consequently the accounts cannot yet be finally reported.

Little, however, remains to be done, and your commissioners are led to believe that at a very early date the whole may be finally closed, and that the total estimate submitted to, and approved of by the council at its last session, will not be exceeded.

All which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) J. W. GAMBLE,
Chairman.

Committee Room,
29th June, 1853.

Report of the Special Committee on the Assessment Rolls for Revising and Equalizing the same.

To the Counties' Council.

The special committee, to whom was referred the several assessment rolls for the municipalities in the united counties for examination, revision, and equalization, beg to report:—

That they have found the rolls in much better order than those of last year; yet in several instances the request of the council, and the instructions thereof, communicated by the county clerk, have, in many instances, been entirely neglected, thereby causing a great delay and expense in arranging them, which might readily have been avoided had each clerk complied with the suggestions of the council. Your committee trust, however, that such neglect will not again occur, as it hoped, for the future, a proper discharge of duty on the part of the clerks will prevent any further complaint on this head. Only one roll was found wanting—that of Mara and Rama; and in dealing with it, your committee have pursued the course of the committee appointed last year, in taking the best possible means in their power of arriving at the value of property in those townships.

Your committee have carefully gone through all the rolls, and prepared an abstract from them, shewing the average value of resident and non-resident lands, average of all lands in each township and village; also the average value of horses, neat cattle, and carriages, together with an abstract of the value of each of these items, in each of the three united counties, and another with the average of each for the united counties.

Your committee have carefully examined the averages found in the accompanying abstract, and compared each with the other, with a view to arrive at a proper basis upon which to adjust the relative valuation of lands and personal property throughout the counties.

Your committee found that the township of Whitby returned a higher average valuation of all lands than any other municipality excepting incorporated villages, and they have adopted the following scale in equalizing the resident lands, viz:—

Whitby, Etobicoke, York, Scarboro', Pickering, Markham and Toronto as first class townships, and adopted for the first three: £8 10s. as the basis per acre —for Toronto: £7 13s. 4d., and for Scarboro': £7—Pickering: £6 10s., and Markham: £7 5s.—Vaughan, Chinguacousy, and Gore of Toronto as 2nd class townships at a valuation of £6 15s.;

for Vaughan, £6 5s.; the Gore of Toronto and Chinguacousy, at £6 per acre. In the third class were placed Whitchurch and King: the latter at £4 15s., and the former at £4 10s. per acre. In the fourth class, Albion, at £3 10s.; East Gwillimbury, at £3 17s. 6d.; Reach and Scugog, at £3; Brock, at £2 10s. per acre. In the fifth class, Uxbridge, at £2 5s.; Caledon and North Gwillimbury, at£2 5s.; Georgina and Thorah, at £2 per acre. In the sixth class, Scott, at 25s., and Mara and Rama, at 20s. per acre.

In bringing annual value into actual for the incorporated villages, your committee placed in the proper column the aggregate annual of real and personal property, both reckoned in the proportion of 100 to 6; but in equalizing them, the annual value of real estate for Oshawa and Brampton was reckoned as 100 to 10, and for Yorkville, as 100 to 8.

With the non-resident, your committee did not deem it their duty to interfere with the assessors' valuation, believing them to be as nearly correct as possible, and equally rated, except East Gwillimbury, which was increased from 6s. 7d. to 10s. per acre.

With the horses, your committee dealt in the following manner:—

In the incorporated villages of Brampton, Oshawa, and Yorkville, at £13 each; in Whitby, Scarboro', Whitchurch, Pickering, Uxbridge, Chinguacousy, Toronto, Gore of Toronto, Etobicoke, East Gwillimbury, King, Vaughan and York, they were placed at £12 15s. each; in Albion, £12 10s.; in other townships the valuation was taken as rendered by the assessors.

With neat cattle, £3 10s. was taken for all the townships and villages except Georgina, East Gwillimbury, North Gwillimbury, Brock, Scott, Thorah, Uxbridge, Albion, Caledon and Reach, they were placed at £3 per head.

With carriages no alteration was made except with Scarboro' and Markham, which were averaged at £12 10s. each. After making up the aggregate upon the valuations mentioned above, it was found to have exceeded the aggregate returns of the assessors nearly £390-000, or 1-16th per centum, which amount was consequently re-arranged, distributed, and deducted from each municipality with a view of retaining as nearly as may be the aggregate rendered by the several assessors.

Your committee did not deem it advisable to alter the amounts under the head "Merchants' Stock," not having any data to guide them, though there has evidently been a wide difference in the manner of rating under this head in the townships and villages. The new assessment law will, it is hoped, remedy those discrepancies for the future. Your committee would recommend petitions being presented to the Legislature, praying amendments to the Assessment Act just passed, in order that capitalists, having money invested in mortgages and rail-road companies, may be assessed the former on the capital invested in the manner alluded to, and the latter, upon both personal and real estate.

Your committee, in conclusion, notice with pleasure the increase in the valuation of 1853, as compared with the returns of 1852, being at the rate of 10 per cent, a true index of the advancement and prosperity of the united counties in all the elements of comfort and wealth.

All which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) T. N. GIBBS,
Chairman.

Committee Room,
24th June, 1853.

[ADOPTED.]

SCHEDULE TO REPORT of the Special Committee for Equalizing the Assessments in the various Townships.—24th June, 1853.

TOWNSHIPS.	Assessor's value.	Equalized value.	Equalized Value of 1852.
COUNTY OF YORK.			
Etobicoke	£265278	£250000	£165000
Georgina	41482	43000	45000
East Gwillimbury	179364	170000	170000
North Gwillimbury	47885	49000	47000
King	339846	370000	370000
Markham	506959	520000	440000
Scarboro'	281685	290000	270000
Vaughan	467694	496000	415000
Whitchurch	279505	260000	260000
York	571187	555000	550000
Yorkville	67995	50000	
Total County of York	£3048860	£3053000	
COUNTY OF PEEL.			
Albion	183786	194000	200000
Caledon	122863	140000	130000
Chinguacousy	460504	480000	480000
Toronto	528673	495000	460000
Gore of Toronto	132667	120000	125000
Village of Brampton	72700	45000	
Total County of Peel	£1501193	£1474000	
COUNTY OF ONTARIO.			
Brock	106229	133000	130000
Mara and Rama	30667	33000	30717
Pickering	430091	460000	455000
Reach and Scugog	147611	192000	190000
Scott	41231	41000	47000
Thorah	34375	41000	37000
Uxbridge	95923	100000	100000
Whitby	638840	580000	470000
Oshawa Village	91302	60000	89000
Total County of Ontario	£1616169	£1640000	
Total County of York	3048860	3053000	
" " Peel	1501193	1474000	
" " Ontario	1616169	1640000	
Total of United Counties	£6166222	£6167000	£5605717

ABSTRACT of the Township Rolls, shewing the Aggregate Value of Assessed Property in the Townships and Incorporated Villages of the United Counties of York, Ontario, and Peel. Also, the Average Value of Lands, Horses, Neat Cattle, &c., as taken under the provisions of the Assessment laws, and reported by a Select Committee to the Counties' Council, June, 1853.

TOWNSHIPS AND VILLAGES.	Resident lands, acres.	Their Value.	Average Value.	Non-resident Lands, acres.	Their Value.	Average Value.	No. of Acres assessed.	Total Value of all Lands.	Average Value of all Lands.	No. of Horses.	Their Value.	Average Value.	No. of Neat Cattle.	Their Value.	Average Value.	No. of Carriages.	Their Value.	Average Value.	Value of Merchants' Stock.	Shares in Steamers and Schooners	Taxable Income.	Total Value of Personal Property.	Total value of Resident Property.	Total Value of all Property as rendered by Assessors.	Annual Value of Personal Property.	Annual Value of Real Property.	Total Annual Value of both.
COUNTY OF YORK.																											
Etobicoke	27476	£233288 0 0	£8 9 10	1511	£9256 10	£6 3 9	28987	£242884 10	£8 0 6	777	£10028 10	£12 18 1½	1238	£4791 10	£3 17 4½	56	£644 10	£11 10 2	£2702 0	1000	£3528	£22694 10	£255960 0 0	£263278 0			
Georgina	16010½	29111 0 0	1 14 5½	18690	7018 0	0 8 1½	35600	36729 0	1 1 3½	141	1711 0	12 2 8½	438	1609 0	3 13 4½	3	40 0	13 6 8	1393 0		.....	4753 0	33867 0 0	41482 0			
East Gwillimbury	39262½	154072 0 0	3 18 6	14454½	4729 0	0 6 6½	53717½	158802 0	2 19 3½	767	9036 5	12 2 8	1533	5077 0	3 6 3	96	1052 0	10 19 2	4977 0	150	.....	20562 0	174635 0 0	179364 0			
North Gwillimbury	18565	36638 0 0	1 19 6½	12161	4092 0	0 8 2½	30696	41630 0	1 7 1½	264	3025 0	11 9 2	629	2348 0	3 14 7½	15	162 0	10 16 0	720 0	.....	.....	6255 0	42393 0 0	47885 0			
King	75553	297686 0 0	3 18 9½	6640	11007 0	1 13 1½	82193	308763 0	3 15 1½	1256	14391 0	11 12 4	2693	8261 0	3 6 8½	97	1093 0	11 5 9½	6470 0	.....	.....	31145 0	328830 0 0	339846 0			
Markham	68116½	455967 0 0	6 13 10½	515½	614 0	1 3 11½	68630	456581 0	6 13 6½	1749	22201 0	12 13 10½	2624	8311 0	3 5 4	166	1792 0	10 15 6	10185 0	.....	7899	35078 0	506243 0 0	509939 0			
Scarboro'	39904	252762 0 0	6 6 8	2843	10439 0	3 13 8	42749	263201 0	6 3 2	948	10302 0	10 17 4	1814	6712 0	3 4 1	26	227 0	8 14 7½	940 0	.....	302	18484 0	271246 0 0	281685 0			
Vaughan	64800	376969 0 0	5 16 4	3298½	43856 0	13 4 9	68099	420625 0	6 3 6½	1464	17930 0	12 4 11½	2922	8795 0	3 9 9	171	1187 0	6 18 10	13963 0	.....	5194	47069 0	424038 0 0	467684 0			
Whitchurch	51853	229139 0 0	4 8 4½	9653	14591 10	1 10 2½	61506	243730 10	3 19 3	1099	14499 5	13 3 10	1975	7248 5	3 13 4½	22	406 0	18 9 1	8195 10	.....	8426	35775 0	264914 0 0	279505 0			
York	58810½	492633 0 0	8 7 6½	3276	48787 0	9 5 0	64086	541420 0	8 8 11½	1504	17365 0	11 10 11	2254	6885 0	3 1 1	178	1977 0	11 2 1½	3540 0	.....	.....	29767 0	522400 0 0	571187 0			
Incorporated Village of Yorkville	450	62455 0 0	138 13 4				450	62455 13	138 13 4	76	948 0	12 8 8½	99	231 0	3 18 3½	23	338 0	14 5 2½	1835 0	.....	2200	5539 0	67995 0 0	73534 0	332 8 0	374 7 0	£4079 18 0
Total County of York	461674	2620731 0 0	5 13 6½	73041	155730 0	2 1 6	536714	2776461 15	5 3 5½	10045	121904 0	12 2 7½	17778	60989 15	3 19 10	853	8910 10	10 8 10	54925 10	1150	24539	272418 0	2893732 0 0	3048860 0			
COUNTY OF ONTARIO.																											
Brock	53913½	85861 5 0	1 11 1½	11058	6841 10	0 12 4½	64989½	92702 15	1 8 6½	562	6390 0	11 7 4½	1800	5946 5	1 6 0½	10	114 10	11 9 0	945 5	.....	130	13525 0	99387 5 0	106228 15			
Mara and Rama	18435	18435 0 0	1 0 0	18167	10190 0	0 11 2½	36602	28625 0	0 15 7½																		
Pickering	68920	393234 0 0	5 11 0½	2338	7520 0	3 5 1½	71253	392833 0	5 10 3	1472	19521 0	13 5 2½	2907	10029 0	3 8 11½	87	1158 0	13 6 2½	6250 0	.....	300	37258 0	422492 0 0	430091 0			
Reach and Scugog	52139	107409 0 0	2 1 2	19182	15806 0	0 16 5½	71341	123215 0	1 14 6½	790	9773 0	12 7 5	1852	6895 0	3 14 5½	52	643 0	12 7 3½	5573 0	1000	512	24396 0	151805 0 0	147611 0			
Scott	20163	22544 0 0	1 2 4½	26640	14038 0	0 10 5½	48803	37482 0	0 15 4½	152	1689 0	11 2 2½	561	2010 0	3 11 5½				50 0	.....	.....	3749 0	36293 0 0	41231 0			
Thorah	19357½	27845 8 9	1 8 0½	5858½	2337 0	0 7 11½	25216	30182 0	1 3 11½	199	2121 10	10 13 2½	673	2071 10	3 1 6½					.....	.....	4193 0	32038 0 0	34375 0			
Uxbridge	32679	67294 0 0	2 1 2½	19643	19198 0	0 19 5½	52322	86492 0	1 13 0½	423	4383 0	10 7 4	1027	3099 0	3 0 4½	23	217 0	9 8 8½	1475 0	.....	255	9421 0	76725 0 0	85923 0			
Whitby	63441	553564 0 0	8 14 6	1459	10257 0	7 0 7½	64900	563821 0	8 13 9	1855	26210 0	14 5 8	2879	12951 0	4 5 4½	222	2746 0	12 7 2	32719 0	1358	2955	75013 0	488883 0 0	538840 0			
Incorporated Village of Oshawa	1533½	68428 0 0	43 5 5	66½	1557 10	23 1 2	1600	67985 10	42 5 7	151	2401 0	15 18 0	207	834 5	4 0 7½	53	820 5	15 9 6	12645 0	350	6267	23317 0	89752 0 0	91302 0	1399 9 0	4078 2 6	5478 11 6
Total County of Ontario	330602	1334609 0 0	4 0 8	106404	88724 0	0 16 8	437006	1423333 0	3 5 1	5584	72490 0	12 19 8	11845	42936 0	3 12 6	447	5699 0	12 13 0	56657 0	2708	10399	190889 0	1527451 0 0	1619168 0			
COUNTY OF PEEL.																											
Albion	51815	156730 0 0	3 0 6	5632	8294 0	1 9 4	57467	165024 0	2 17 5	679	7726 0	11 7 6½	1697	6054 0	3 11 4	21	237 0	11 5 9	4745 0	.....	.....	18762 0	175492 0 0	183786 0			
Caledon	57843	102589 0 0	1 15 5½	9449	7185 0	0 15 2½	67292	109754 0	1 12 7½	534	6108 0	11 8 9	1744	6180 0	3 9 8½	2	16 0	8 0 0	805 0	.....	.....	13109 0	115678 0 0	122863 0			
Chinguacousy	78033	416634 0 0	5 6 9½	1508	4870 0	3 4 7	79541	421504 0	5 6 0	1433	19530 0	13 13 11½	3148	11353 0	3 12 1½	110	1491 0	13 11 1	3508 0	.....	3028	39000 0	455634 0 0	480504 0			
Toronto	61326	474115 0 0	7 14 7½	1215½	4490 15	3 13 11	62541	478606 0	7 13 1½	1467	19694 0	13 8 6	2796	10184 0	3 12 10	89	1173 0	13 5 10	16954 0	362	1620	50067 0	524182 0 0	528672 15			
Gore of Toronto	18574	120307 0 0	6 9 6	2864	1889 0	0 13 1½	18861	121996 0	6 9 4½	437	5276 0	12 1 5½	834	2814 0	3 7 5½	18	178 0	9 11 0	2285 0	.....	140	10671 0	130978 0 0	132607 0			
Village of Brampton	1256	60561 14 0	47 1 0½	3½	728 0	223 1 6½	1289½	61286 14	47 10 10½	90	1181 0	13 2 5½	87	274 0	3 3 0	32	446 0	13 18 10	5662 0	.....	3842	11412 0	71873 0 0	72700 0	984 19 0	3677 4 0	4362 3 0
Total County of Peel	268877	1330916 0 0	4 19 0	18114	27250 0	1 10 1½	286991	1358170 0	4 14 7½	4740	59615 0	12 11 6½	10306	36859 0	3 11 6½	270	3530 0	13 2 1½	33976 0	362	5630	143021 0	1473837 0 0	1501192 0			
Total United Counties	1061153	5286236 0 0	4 19 7½	199559	271703 0	1 7 2½	1260711	5557964 0	4 8 2	20369	254002 0	12 9 4½	39930	140785 0	3 10 6½	1570	18148 0	11 11 2	145558 0	4220	43618	606328 0	5894320 0 0	6166220 0			

T. N. GIBBS, *Chairman.*

APPORTIONMENT of the LEGISLATIVE SCHOOL GRANT for the Year 1853, *as Certified by the Chief Superintendent of Education.*

TOWNSHIPS.	Population.	Sums Apportioned.
COUNTY OF YORK.		
Etobicoke	3483	£83 8 11
Gwillimbury, North	1176	28 3 6
Gwillimbury, East	3208	76 17 2
King	6565	157 5 8
Markham	7752	185 14 6
Scarborough	4244	101 13 7
Vaughan	7723	185 0 7
Whitchurch	4758	113 19 10
York (including Yorkville)	10035	208 13 8
Total County of York	48944	£1140 17 5
COUNTY OF ONTARIO.		
Brock	3518	£84 5 8
Georgina (now in County of York)	1005	24 1 6
Mara and Rama	1403	35 12 3
Pickering	6737	161 8 1
Reach	3897	93 7 3
Scott	1028	24 12 7
Scugog Island	415	9 18 10
Thorah	1146	27 9 1
Uxbridge	2289	54 16 9
Whitby	7996	191 11 5
Total County of Ontario	29434	£705 3 5
COUNTY OF PEEL.		
Albion	4281	£102 11 3
Caledon	3707	83 16 3
Chinguacousy (including Brampton)	7469	161 13 10
Gore of Toronto	1820	43 12 1
Toronto	7539	180 12 5
Total	24816	£577 5 10
Total United Counties	103194	£2423 6 8

MINUTES

OF THE

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

OF THE

UNITED COUNTIES OF YORK, ONTARIO, AND PEEL.

THIRD MEETING, 1853. (SPECIAL.)

TUESDAY, NOV. 8th, 1853.

The Council met at 2 P. M., pursuant to summons of the Warden.

The Warden in the chair.

Names called over. Quorum present.

The Warden addressed the Council, and laid on the table several communications, viz:

The award of the arbitrators in the matter of the claim of the County of Simcoe upon the United Counties of York, Ontario and Peel, by virtue of a certain portion of West Gwillimbury, by act of the legislature, being attached to the said United Counties.

From the Commissioner of Crown Lands, in reference to the site of the New Gaol, &c.

From the Sheriff of the United Counties in reference to want of accommodation in the Court room, &c.

From Mr. John Ritchey for allowance to be made to him for loss upon the sale of County Debentures, &c.

The Minister of Agriculture, with a copy of "Smith's Canada" for the use of the Council.

A. Patrick, with 41 sets of Journals of the Legislative Assembly, for the use of the Municipalities.

Mr. Gamble, seconded by Mr. Bridgford, moves,

That a committee of five members be forthwith appointed by ballot, to take into consideration the award of the arbitrators, on the claim made by the County of Simcoe, and to report thereon to the Council.

Carried.

The Council proceeded to the ballot, and the Warden declared that Messrs. Gibbs, Gould, Price, Bridgford, and Wheeler composed the committee.

Mr. Dobson, seconded by Mr. Gould, moves,

That a special committee of five members be appointed to report upon the claim of Mr. John Ritchey for indemnification for loss sustained by sale of County Debentures, and that said committee do consist of Messrs. Wheeler, R. H. Smith, James, Allan, and the mover.

Carried.

Mr. Gamble gives notice that he will on to-morrow move for leave to bring in a by-law, imposing a duty upon licenses of hawkers, pedlars, and petty chapmen.

Mr. Dobson gives notice that he will on to-morrow move that the Council go into committee to reconsider the proposal for settlement made to the County of Ontario.

Adjourned.

Wednesday, Nov. 9th, 1853. (*Second Day.*)

The Council met.

The Warden in the chair.

Names called over.

Minutes of yesterday read.

Petitions Presented.—

Of the Reeves of Whitchurch and Uxbridge to open town line between Whitchurch and Uxbridge: by Mr. R. H. Smith.

Of S. Brega, Esq., Registrar of the County of Peel, for the erection of a registry office: by Mr. Lynch.

The special committee to whom was referred the award made by the arbitrators on the County of Simcoe clalm, brought in a report, which was read, and

On motion of Mr. Price, seconded by Mr. Gibbs, the Council went into committee of the whole.

Mr. Burns in the chair.

The committee rose and reported a resolution.

Report received, and the resolution read as follows :

Resolved.—That the award made on the claim set up by the County of Simcoe by the arbitrators appointed for that purpose be, and the same is hereby confirmed.

Carried.

The special committee to whom was referred the petition of Mr. J. Ritchey, brought in a report, which was read and on motion of Mr. Dobson, the Council went into committee of the whole thereon.

Mr. Taylor in the chair.

The committee rose and reported a resolution, report received and resolution read as follows:

Resolved:—That the report of the committee be not adopted, but that the treasurer be directed to pay to Mr. Ritchey, twenty-five pounds in full of all demands whatever to this date.

Carried.

Pursuant to notice, Mr. Dobson, seconded by Mr. R. H. Smith, moves:

That the Council go into committee of the whole on the settlement to be effected with the County of Ontario.

Carried.

Committee of the whole, Mr. Allan in the chair.

The Committee rose, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again to-morrow. Report received.

On the question for adopting the report, Mr. Gamble, seconded by Mr Reesor, moves,

That the Council go into Committee again this evening.

Lost on a division, and the report adopted.

Mr. Lynch, seconded by Mr. Gibbs, moves.

That the petition of Mr. Solomon Brega be referred to a select committee composed of Messrs. Gamble, Taylor Wright, and R. H. Smith, with instructions to report by bill or otherwise.

Carried.

Mr. Lynch gives notice that he will on to-morrow move that the Council do go into committee of the whole to consider the best means of improving and keeping in repair the County roads.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, NOV. 10, 1853. (*Third Day.*)

The Council met.

The Warden in the chair.

Names called over.

Minutes of yesterday read.

The standing committee on roads and bridges brought in a report on the petition of J. Gould, and others, which was read, when Mr. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Miller, moves,

That it be resolved, that David Forsyth and Jacob Morden, or any other person who resides or has any claim on lots 5 and 6, in the first concession of Uxbridge, be, and are hereby ordered and required to open the road allowance between the said lots and the Township of Whitchurch, by removing their fences or any other property that may encumber the same, and that the Clerk of the Council do notify all the said parties of this resolution.

Carried.

Pursuant to notice the Council went into committee of the whole to reconsider the proposal for settlement with the County of Ontario.

Mr. Allan in the Chair.

The committee rose and reported three resolutions, report received and adopted, and resolutions read as follows:

Resolved.—That the Council did in July last, propose terms of settlement with the County of Ontario, and did declare that with the exception of the unsettled claim of the County of Simcoe, there is no debt or liability to the payment of which in the opinion of this Council, it would be just to require the County of Ontario to contribute.

Carried.

2. *Resolved.*—That the proportion of the amount awarded against these United Counties, on the claim made by Simcoe, for which the County of Ontario, in the event of that County continuing a part of the existing Union, would be liable, is the sum of £142 14s. 9.

Carried.

3. *Resolved*—That inasmuch as whatever benefit may arise from the accession of territory obtained from the County of Simcoe, is wholly in favour of the remaining Counties of the Union, therefore the County of Ontario should be, and it is hereby wholly exonerated from the payment of any portion of the debt due to the County of Simcoe.

Carried.

Pursuant to notice, on motion of Mr. Lynch, seconded by Mr. Wright, the Council went into committee of the whole to consider the best means of improving and keeping in repair the County roads.

Mr. Dobson in the chair.

The committee rose and the chairman reported that the committee had risen.

Report received and adopted.

Pursuant to notice, Mr. Gamble seconded by Mr. Ward moves,

For leave to bring in a bill imposing a duty on Hawkers, Pedlars, and petty Chapmen.

Carried.

The bill was read the first time and on motion to suspend rule 34 being carried, it was read the second time, and the Council went into committee thereon.

Mr. Ward in the chair.

The committee rose and reported the by-law with some amendments;

Report received, and the by-law was read the third time and passed.

Mr. Allan seconded by Mr. Bridgford, moves

That the Warden be requested to transmit to the provisional Warden of the County of Ontario, a copy of three resolutions passed by the Council this day, in relation to the settlement of any existing debt between the United Counties of York and Peel, and the County of Ontario, and releasing the latter from any claim on the part of the former, such copy to be certified under the signature of the Warden, and the County Clerk, verified by the County Seal being attached thereunto.

Carried.

Mr. Sleightholme seconded by Mr. Phillips, moves

That when this Council adjourns this day, it do stand adjourned, *sine die.*

Decided in the negative.

The special Committee to whom was referred the application of S. Brega, Esq., Registrar of the County of Peel, for the erection of an office in Brampton, brought in a report which was read, and on motion of Mr. Lynch, seconded by Mr. Sharp, the Council went into Committee thereon.

Mr. Brabazon in the chair.

The committee rose and reported the report as adopted.

Report received and adopted.

The standing committee on contingent accounts brought in a report, which was read, and the Council went into committee thereon.

Mr. Gibbs in the chair.

The Committee rose and reported a resolution; report received, and it was

Resolved.—That the Treasurer do pay to the several persons named in the report the several sums therein specified, amounting to £6 18s. 11d., on warrant of the Warden.

Carried.

Mr. Gibbs, seconded by Mr. Brabazon, moves,

That when this Council adjourns it do stand adjourned *sine die.*

Carried.

Adjourned.

(Signed) JOS. HARTMAN, *Warden.*

J. ELLIOT, *Clerk.*

APPENDIX.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, NOV. 1853.

Report of the Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges, on the petition of Reeves of Uxbridge, &c. for opening a side line.

To the Counties' Council.

The standing committee on roads and bridges, having considered the petition of the Reeves of Uxbridge and others, beg respectfully to report as follows:—

Your committee are of opinion that the prayer of the petition of Joseph Gould, Reeve of Uxbridge; Joseph Hartman, Reeve of Whitchurch; and Henry Wideman, praying for an order of this Council to open the road allowance, as established by instructions from the Honourable the Commissioner of Crown Lands, between the said Townships of Uxbridge and Whitchurch, now in the possession of Messrs. David Forseyth and Jacob Morden, who reside on Lots No. 5 and 6, in the 1st Concession of Uxbridge.

Your committee are of opinion that the prayer of the petition should be granted, and that the necessary steps should be taken at once to open the road in question.

All which is respectfully submitted.

J. D. PHILLIPS,
Chairman, Pro tem.

Committee Room,
10th November, 1853.

Report of the Committee on Mr. J. Ritchey's Petition.

To the Counties' Council.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Mr. John Ritchey, for indemnification for loss sustained on sale of County Debentures, respectfully report;—

That having fully investigated the matter brought before them, the committee would recommend the payment of the sum of £86 18s. 5d.

(Signed) J. DOBSON,
Chairman.

Committee Room, 9th March, 1853.

Report of the Special Committee on the County of Simcoe Claim.

To the Counties' Council.

The special committee to whom was referred the award made by the arbitrators on the County of Simcoe Claim, beg to report:—

That they have had before them one of the arbitrators, and from him they have ascertained the manner in which the amount of the award was arrived at, as follows, viz.:

The claim made by the County of Simcoe on account of £50,000, Railroad Stock, was disposed of thus: The stock was deemed worth eighty per cent. of the amount, leaving the proportion of £10,000, to be paid by the said Counties, £309 7s. 6d.

The claim for old debt, £5650 for Gaol and Court House was allowed in full leaving £174 16s., to be paid. The sum £4460 was claimed for the cost of constructing the Bradford Plank Road. The arbitrators reduced this sum to £1700, making £52 11s. 8d. to be paid for this item, in all £536 15s. 2d.

Your committee have every reason to believe that a fair and honourable settlement has been made by this award between the County of Simcoe and the United Counties, and they would recommend that the award made in this case be ratified by your Council.

(Signed) THOS. N. GIBBS,
Chairman.

Committee Room,
9th November, 1853.

Report of Special Committee, to whom was referred the application of the Registrar of Peel for the erection of a Registry Office.

To the Counties' Council.

The Committee to whom was referred the application of Soloman Brega, Esq., Registrar of the County of Peel, for the erection of a Registry Office at Brampton, in that County, beg leave to report:—

That on reference to the Statute, ninth Victoria, Chap. 31, it is found to be provided that safe and proper fire proof offices and vaults should be provided for all Counties having a separate registry, at the expense of the District, unless such office should be provided within eighteen months from the passing of that act by the Registrar.

Your committee also consider it desirable as a matter of common prudence, that such office should be provided with as little delay as may be, and that the important documents pertaining to the registry office, should not be left in the hazardous position in which they are now placed any longer than may be necessary. Your committee would therefore recommend that a registry office, such as contemplated by the said statute be erected in the village of Brampton so soon as the weather will permit.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN LYNCH,
Chairman.

Committee Room,
10th November, 1853.

[ADOPTED.]

Report of the Standing Committee on Contingent Accounts.

To the Counties' Council.

The standing committee on Contingent Accounts having examined the several accounts submitted to them, recommend that the Treasurer do pay the same, on warrant of the Warden, viz.:—

To Postmaster for postage of Letters, Papers, Minutes, &c. &c., for the year ending 30th September, 1853	£2	16	5½
To James Lacy for articles of furniture in Warden's and Anti-Rooms	2	1	3
To A. Christie for do.	0	16	3
To J. Ryan, Messenger	£0	15	0
To J. Bernard, do.	0	10	0
		1	5	0
	£6	18	11

All which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) JN. RICHARDSON,
Chairman.

Committee Room,
10th November, 1853.

[ADOPTED.]

BY-LAWS.

PASSED FIRST MEETING, JANUARY, 1853.

[No. 33.]

A BY-LAW.

To provide in the several Municipalities of the United Counties of York, Ontario, and Peel, for the protection and preservation of Timber, Stone, or Gravel &c., growing, or being on the Roads between different Townships.

Whereas By-law No. 31, of this Council, confers upon the Councillor or Councillors of the several Townships, the power to regulate, manage, receive, and expend, within their several Townships respectively, the Statute Labour, or the commutation money instead thereof, of parties residing on the lands bounded by said Township lines, in improving public highways in such manner as to them may seem best;

And whereas it is necessary to provide for the protection and preservation of any timber, stone, sand, or gravel, growing or being thereon, or the regulating the riding or driving thereon, or other use of the same;

Be it therefore enacted by the Municipal Council of the United Counties of York, Ontario, and Peel, That from and after the passing of this By-law, the Councillors of the several Townships be, and they are hereby constituted County Officers with full power to sell or dispose of, conjointly or otherwise, in such manner as they may agree upon, and shall seem best for the public good, any timber, stone, sand, or gravel, growing or being on any of the Township lines bounding their respective Townships, and the proceeds of such sale shall be expended on the said Townline roads, and accounted for to the Warden, to be laid before the County Council.

(Signed) JOSEPH HARTMAN,
Warden.

Passed 28th January, 1853.

[No. 34.]

A BY-LAW

To provide for the payment of Reeves and Deputy Reeves attending the County Council.

Be it enacted by the Municipal Concil of the United Counties of York, Ontario and Peel:—

That it shall and may be lawful for the Treasurer of this County, and he is hereby authorised and required out of the County funds in his possession, to pay to each Town Reeve, and to each Deputy Town Reeve entitled by law to sit in the County Council, the sum of 7s. 6d. for each day he shall have been in attendance during the present meeting, and a like sum, for each day he shall be in attendance when the Roll of names is called over, during any other meeting or meetings which may take place according to law, or shall be called by the Warden during the present year 1853, and the year 1854.

And also that sum of three-pence for every mile he shall necessarily travel in coming to, and returning from, the place of meeting of said County Council, during the above periods, upon certificate of the Warden to said Treasurer.

(Signed) JOSEPH HARTMAN,
Warden.

Passed 28th January, 1853.

[No. 35.]

A BY-LAW

To provide for the establishment of Common School Circuits, and Superintendencies in the United Counties of York, Ontario, and Peel, and for other purposes therein named.

Whereas several By-laws now in force, in relation to School circuits and local Superintendents require amendment, and it is desirable to provide by one By-law for the division of the United Counties into School circuits, and the appointment of local Superintendents, in order to conduce to the better management and supervision of the common schools therein.

1. Be it therefore enacted by the municipal council of the United Counties of York, Ontario, and Peel, and it is hereby enacted, That By-laws No. 12, No. 18, and No. 23, be, and the same are, hereby repealed.

2. And be it enacted, That the said united counties be divided into four School circuits, as follows, viz.:—

That part of the said United Counties of York, Ontario, and Peel, known as the South Riding of York, shall constitute School circuit No. 1, that formerly known as the West Riding No. 2, that as the East Riding No. 3, and that as the North Riding number four.

3. And be it enacted, That there shall be appointed at the first meeting of the county council, by resolution thereof in each and every year, one fit and proper person to the office of local Superintendent in each School Superintendency, and which School Superintendencies shall be constituted and numbered as follows:—

No. 1.	School circuit No. 4.	
2.	The Township of York,	
3.	"	Vaughan,
4.	"	Etobicoke,
5.	"	King,
6.	"	Chinguacousy & Gore of Toronto,
7.	"	Albion.
8.	"	Caledon,
9.	"	Toronto,
10.	"	Whitby,
11.	"	Pickering,
12.	"	Markham,
13.	"	Scarboro'.

4. And be it enacted, That the duties, powers, and liabilities of such local School Superintendents shall commence and be in force upon, from, and after the first day of April in each and every year. Provided always, that the Superintendents to be appointed for Nos. 2, 3, 4, and 5, for the present year, shall assume the duties, powers, and liabilities of the office, from the first day of February

next ensuing, any thing in this By-law contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

5. And be it enacted, That there be paid to each of the local Superintendents of Schools as an anual salary, the sum of one pound five shillings, for every School section as set forth in the Schedule contained in this By-law within their Superintendencies respectively, to be raised as hereinafter provided, which shall include all demands for travelling expenses, and other personal charges attending the County Board, of Public Instruction.

6. And be it enacted, That the Treasurers of the several townships of this county shall be, and they are hereby appointed Sub-Treasurers of School moneys for their respective townships.

7. And be it enacted, That before any Sub-Treasurer shall receive any school moneys, he shall enter into a bond with at least two good and sufficient sureties, himself in the sum of at least double the amount of the government appropriation for the Schools of his township, for the present pear, and each of his sureties in a sum at least equal to such appropriation for the faithful performance of his duties as such Sub-Treasurer, and the Reeves of the several townships of this county, are hereby authorized and required, on behalf of this council, to attend to the execution of said bonds, which bonds after being properly executed and duly certified by the Reeve,that the sureties are sufficient, shall be deposited with the county treasurer, and shall be his warrant for paying to any such sub-treasurer, the amount of school money in the county treasury, and payable for the benefit of the schools of the township to which such sub-treasurer belongs; *Provided always*, nevertheless, that the bonds of the the county clerk, shall, by that officer, be deposited with the county treasurer; and it shall not be imperative upon parties appointed under this by-law, now in the possession of such sub-treasurers to furnish new bonds, unless required to do so by the Councillors of their respective townships.

8. And be it enacted, That there be raised, levied, and collected upon the rateable property in each of the townships in the aforesaid school superintendencies respectively in the same manner, and in addition to all other rates and assessments, in each and every year, the sum of one pound five shillings, together with five per cent. thereon, to cover the cost of collection, treasurer's per centages, and probable defalcations for each school, as reported in the table contained in the report of the Chief Superintendent for common schools for the year 1850, and corrected in the schedule attached hereunto, for the purpose of paying the salaries of the Local Superintendents of schools, as follows, viz.:—

	Sections.		
Brock	14	£17	10 0
Georgina	4	5	0 0
North Gwillimbury	4	5	0 0
East Gwillimbury	14	£17	10 0
Mara and Rama	5	6	5 0
Reach	18	22	10 0
Thorah	5	6	5 0
Uxbridge	7	8	15 0
Whitchurch	17	21	5 0
Scott	4	5	0 0
Etobicoke	8	10	0 0
King	20	25	0 0
Vaughan	19	23	15 0
York	21	26	5 0
Markham	26	32	10 0
Pickering	22	27	10 0
Scarboro'	11	13	15 0
Whitby	25	31	5 0
Albion	11	13	15 0
Caledon	10	12	10 0
Chinguacousy	26	32	10 0
Gore of Toronto	5	6	5 0
Toronto	22	27	10 0

9. And be it enacted, That it shall be the duty of the proper officers to cause the said sums to be assessed, levied, and collected upon all the rateable property, of each of the said townships respectively; and it shall be the duty of the Township Collectors, after retaining such fees for their services as may be appointed them by the councils of their respective townships, to pay the amount collected to the treasurers of the said townships, by whom the net amounts set forth by this by-law shall be paid over to the county treasurer, at the same time with other county rates, without other fee or deduction, other than those provided for by the addition of the five per cent. to the amount actually required to be disbursed by the county treasurer, according to the provisions of this by-law.

10. And be it enacted, That it shall be the duty of the Local Superintendents appointed under this by-law, to visit every school section, and examine the children in each school, at least four times in every year, once in each quarter, and to deliver at least one lecture in each school section within the year.

11. And be it enacted, That in case it shall hereafter be shown by the Council or or Councillors of any township named in the schedule, that a greater number of school sections have been stated therein, than the township actually contains, the money so erroneously raised, in consequence of such incorrect statement, shall be carried to the credit of such township, by the county treasurer, as so much paid on account of the school superintendents' salaries for the year following.

(Signed) JOSEPH HARTMAN,
Warden.

Passed 29th January, 1853.

Toronto: JOHN CARTER, Printer, Corner of King and Nelson Streets.

BY-LAWS.

PASSED SECOND MEETING, 1853.

[No. 36.]

A BY-LAW

To raise, by Assessment, the several sums required for County Purposes, for the support of Common Schools, the Payment of Local Superintendents, &c., for the year 1853.

Whereas it is necessary to provide, by a general assessment upon the rateable property of the united counties for the payment of the general expenses of the county, for the payment of qualified teachers and superintendents, and also to provide for the second instalment of principal and interest of a certain loan, raised by the issue of debentures, for the erection of a new court house.

I. *Be it therefore enacted*, by the municipal council of the united counties York, Ontario, and Peel, That there be raised, levied, and collected from all persons rated on the assessment rolls of the several townships and incorporated villages in the said united counties, liable to be assessed during the present year, the sum of five thousand and forty-six pounds, for the payment of allowance to county councillors, salaries and allowances to county officers, a portion of the expenaes of the administration of justice, and other necessary and incidental expenses more particularly set forth in the estimate of expenses for the current year, submitted to the council at its last meeting; *Also*, the sum of two thousand five hundred and forty-four pounds eleven shillings, being five per cent. upon the legislative school grant for the payment of the salaries of qualified teachers of common schools, in order to entitle the several townships of the said united counties to certain sums apportioned, according to law out of the legislative grant, for the payment of such qualified teachers; *Also*, the sum of three hundred and ninety-seven pounds ten shillings,

for the payment of the salaries and allowances to the several local superintendents of common schools, appointed by the counties' council; *And also*, the sum of three hundred and eight pounds for the payment of the second year's instalment and interest of a certain loan raised by the issue of debentures under and by virtue of the provisions of by-law numbered thirty, and passed on the eighth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-two, for the erection of a new court house, together with five per cent. upon the said several sums, to cover the expenses of collection and defalcation, in addition to all other rates and assessments for the present year, being the amounts to be apportioned to the several and respective townships according to the equalized value of their assessments, as their contingent portions respectively of the sums required for the purposes above mentioned, and which are more particularly set forth in the schedule at the end of this by-law, and forming part of the same; and the said sums so to be collected from all persons rated on the several assessment rolls of the townships of the said united counties, shall be specified in each and every of the township collector's rolls, in separate columns by the township clerks, the said sums to be levied and collected, and paid over by the several collectors into the hands of the proper officers, as provided by law, on or before the fourteenth day of December, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three.

SCHEDULE referred to in the foregoing By-law, forming part of the same, shewing the proportion of the Rates to be collected in each Municipality, under the several heads mentioned in the same, including 5 per cent. for expenses of collection, &c.

Municipalities.	For County purposes.	Payment of Teachers.	Local Superintend'ts.	Second Instalment for New Court House.
Albion	189 0 5	113 1 6	14 8 9	11 9 6
Brock	122 17 4	92 18 6	18 7 6	7 9 2
Chinguacousy	419 13 0	178 5 3	34 2 6	27 8 4
Caledon	122 17 0	97 18 4	13 2 6	7 9 2
Etobicoke	155 19 1	92 0 0	10 10 0	9 9 3
Georgina	42 10 8	26 10 10	5 5 0	2 10 0
North Gwillimbury	44 8 3	31 1 3	5 5 0	2 14 0
East Gwillimbury	160 13 6	84 14 8	18 7 6	9 14 9
Gore of Toronto	118 3 0	48 1 5	6 11 3	7 3 3
King	283 11 0	173 8 2	26 5 0	17 4 0
Markham	415 17 6	204 15 3	34 2 6	25 4 4
Mara and Rama	29 0 3	37 1 2	6 11 3	1 15 4
Pickering	430 1 0	177 19 0	28 17 6	26 1 7
Reach and Scugog	179 11 6	113 17 10	23 12 6	10 18 0
Scarboro'	255 3 10	112 2 0	14 8 9	15 9 8
Scott	44 8 6	27 3 2	5 5 0	2 14 0
Toronto	434 15 7	199 2 8	28 17 6	26 7 5
Thorah	34 19 4	30 5 4	6 11 3	2 2 6
Uxbridge	94 10 4	60 9 2	9 3 9	5 14 8
Vaughan	392 4 10	203 19 11	24 18 9	23 15 9
Whitby	444 4 7	211 4 2	32 16 3	26 19 0
Whitchurch	245 15 1	125 13 6	22 6 3	14 18 2
York	472 11 8	230 1 6	27 11 3	28 13 4
Village of Brampton	34 0 0	Separate organizations for School purposes		2 2 0
Village of Oshawa	84 2 4			5 2 0
Village of Yorkville	47 5 2			2 17 6
Total £	5298 5 3	2676 16 7	417 7 6	323 6 7

(Signed) JOSEPH HARTMAN,

Warden.

Passed 30th June, 1853.

[No. 37.]

A BY-LAW.

To raise, by Assessment, the sum of Fifty Pounds for the Improvement of "Simcoe Street," between the Counties of Ontario and Victoria.

Whereas it is found expedient that this council should render aid for the improvement of the line of road, called "Simcoe Street," lying between the counties of Ontario and Victoria,

1. *Be it therefore enacted*, by the municipal council of the united counties of York, Ontario, and Peel, that there be raised, levied, and collected over and above all other rates for the current year, the sum of £50, together with five per cent. thereon, to cover expenses of defalcation and collection: the said sum to be levied rateably in each municipality, as appears by the schedule forming part of this by-law.

2. *Be it further enacted*, That the said sum of fifty pounds shall be appropriated for the improvement of Simcoe Street, between the counties of Victoria and Ontario, provided, and so soon as the townships and inhabitants of Mariposa, Eldon, Brock, Thorah, and the United Counties of Victoria and Peterboro', shall have contributed the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds on the said line of road, within the present year.

3. *And be it further enacted*, That Jacob Ham, J. H. Thompson, and Hugh Monro, of the township of Brock, and Arch. McBain of the township of Thorah, shall be commissioners on behalf of these united counties to superintend the expenditure of the said sum of fifty pounds.

4. *And be it further enacted*, That the treasurer of these united counties shall pay the said sum of fifty pounds in such sum or sums as may be required, on the order of the said commissioners; which orders shall specify that the sum to be paid, is for work done on Simcoe Street, in accordance with this by-law, and that work has been done to the amount of the order given.

SCHEDULE referred to, shewing the proportion which each Municipality is to contribute, including 5 per cent.:—

	£	s	d
Albion	1	17	6
Brock	1	4	5
Chinguacousy	4	3	3
Caledon	1	4	4
Etobicoke	1	11	0
Georgina	0	8	5
North Gwillimbury	0	8	9
East Gwillimbury	1	11	9
Gore of Toronto	1	3	6
King	2	16	3
Markham	4	2	6
Mara and Rama	0	5	0
Pickering	4	5	4
Reach and Scugog	1	15	8
Scarboro'	2	10	8
Scott	0	8	9
Toronto	4	6	3
Thorah	0	7	0
Uxbridge	0	18	8
Vaughan	3	17	10
Whitby	4	8	2
Whitchurch	2	8	8
York	4	14	8
Village of Oshawa	0	16	7
Village of Yorkville	0	9	4
Village of Brampton	0	6	9
	£52	10	0

(Signed) JOSEPH HARTMAN,
Warden.

Passed 2nd July, 1853.

[No. 38.]

A BY-LAW.

To raise, by Assessment, the sum of One Hundred Pounds, to be applied in the Purchase of Maps for the use of the Common Schools within the Counties of York, Ontario and Peel.

Whereas, by a resolution of the council, the sum of one hundred pounds was voted for the purpose of procuring a sufficient number of copies of the map of Canada, to supply one to each of the common school sections within the united counties.

Be it therefore enacted by the municipal council of the united counties of York, Ontario and Peel, That there be raised, levied, and collected upon the rateable property, rated on the several assessment rolls of the townships of the said united counties, liable to be assessed during the present year, and in addition to all other rates and assessments, the sum of one hundred pounds; together with five per cent., to cover defalcations and the expenses of collection; to be applied by the Warden in the purchase of a sufficient number of maps of Canada to supply one to each of the common schools within the united counties, and for their use exclusively. And the said sum so to be collected from all rateable property rated on the several assessment rolls of the said counties shall be specified in a separate column by the township clerks, the same to be levied and collected according to law, and paid over into the hands of the county treasurer, on or before the 14th day of December next; and to be paid by that officer to the persons entitled to receive the same, on warrant of the Warden.

SCHEDULE forming part of the By-law, shewing the proportion to be collected in each Township, together with 5 per cent. for defalcation and expense of collection, viz.:—

	£	s	d
Albion	3	16	9
Brock	2	10	3
Chinguacousy	8	9	9
Caledon	2	10	3
Etobicoke	3	3	4
Georgina	0	17	3
North Gwillimbury	0	18	3
East Gwillimbury	3	5	3
Gore of Toronto	2	8	0
King	5	15	4
Markham	8	7	10
Mara and Rama	0	11	9
Pickering	8	14	9
Reach and Scugog	3	14	9
Scarboro'	5	3	9
Scott	0	18	3
Toronto	8	16	10
Thorah	0	14	3
Uxbridge	1	14	4
Vaughan	8	16	6
Whitby	9	0	6
Whitchurch	5	0	5
York	9	12	6
	£105	0	0

(Signed) JOSEPH HARTMAN,
Warden.

Passed 2nd July, 1853.

TORONTO:—JOHN CARTER, PRINTER, CORNER OF KING AND NELSON STREETS.

BY-LAW.

PASSED THIRD MEETING, 1853, SPECIAL.

[No. 39.]

A BY-LAW,

To impose a Duty on Hawkers, Pedlars, &c., trading within the United Counties of York, Ontario, and Peel.

1. *Be it enacted,* that there shall be raised, collected, and paid to the Treasurer of the United Counties of York, Ontario and Peel, to and for the public uses of the said United Counties, the several and respective duties herein mentioned, for and upon the respective licenses to be taken out in the manner and by the persons herein after mentioned, that is to say; from and after the 1st day of January next, in that and every ensuing year, during the continuance of this By Law, there shall be taken out a License by every Hawker, Pedlar and petty Chapman, and any trading person or persons, such persons going from Town to Town, or to other men's houses, either on foot, or with a horse or horses, mule or mules, or other beast, bearing or drawing burthen; Boat or Boats, decked vessels, or other craft, or otherwise, within these Counties, carrying to sell or exposing to sale, any goods, wares and merchandize, for which license, there shall be paid the following sums, at the time of such license being taken out. For every man travelling on foot, Two Pounds of the current money of this Province, for every horse, ass or mule, or other beast, bearing and drawing burthen, an additional sum of three Pounds, for every man sailing with a decked vessel, trading and exposing for sale, goods, wares and merchandize, on board, or from the same, the sum of Twelve Pounds ten shillings, for every man trading with a boat or other craft, and exposing for sale, goods, ware and merchandize, for each boat and craft, the sum of Seven Pounds ten shillings.

2. *And be it further enacted,* That nothing herein contained shall extend or be construed to extend to prohibit any person from selling any goods, wares and merchandize, or any printed papers or books, such goods, wares and merchandize, being the growth, produce or manufacture of these Counties; nor to hinder any person or persons who are the real makers of any goods, wares and merchandize, of the manufacture of these Counties, or his, her or their agents, from selling such goods, wares or merchandize by retail or otherwise.

3. *And be it furter enacted,* That it shall be lawful for any Justice of Peace, Constable, or Peace Officer to seize and detain any such Hawker, Pedlar, or petty Chapman, or other trading person as aforesaid, who shall be found trading without a license contrary to this By-Law, or being found trading shall refuse or neglect to produce a license according to this Bye-Law, after being required so to do, in order to his or her being carried, and they are hereby required to carry such persons so seized, unless he or she shall produce their respective licenses before two or more Justices of the Peace, the nearest to the place where such offence or offences shall be committed, which said Justices are hereby required and authorized, either upon the confession of the party offending, or due proof by witness or witnesses other than the informer upon oath; which oath they are hereby authorised to adminster, that the person or persons so brought before them had traded as aforesaid without a license, and in case no such license shall be produced by such offender or offenders, before such Justices, the said Justices by warrant under their hand and seals, directed to a Constable or other Peace Officer shall cause a sum not exceeding Ten Pounds with reasonable costs, to be forthwith levied by distress and sale of the goods, wares and merchandize of such offender or offenders, or of the goods with which such offender or offenders shall be found trading as aforesaid, rendering the overplus, if any there be, to the owner or owners thereof, after deducting the reasonable charges for taking the said distress, and for want of sufficient distress, the offender or offenders shall be sent to the common Gaol for a time not exceeding one calender month, as such Justices of the Peace shall think most proper.

4. *And be it further enacted,* That the duties imposed by this By-Law, and the pecuniary penalty imposed thereby shall be paid to the Treasurer of the United Counties, for the general use of the said Counties, and the said Treasurer is hereby authorised to issue such license, which shall be in force until the 1st day of January, in the year following that in which such license shall be issued.

5. *And be it further enacted,* That this By-Law, shall be in force from and after the 1st day of January next, and not until then anything to the contrary herein notwithstanding.

Passed 10th Nov., 1853.

JOSEPH HARTMAN.
Warden.

ABSTRACT OF THE TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS

OF THE

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE

Of the United Counties of York, Ontario and Peel, during the year 1852.

RECEIPTS.

1. Government, towards the Expenses of the administration of Criminal Justice	1968	1	2
2. County Rates	3929	13	6½
3. Non-residents Land Tax	318	15	7
4. Jury Fund, being Fees in Courts and Fines from Magistrates	321	8	9
5. Interest on Real Estate sold	165	2	9
6. Rent and allowances from the City of Toronto for the support of City prisoners and the use of the Jail and Court House for year 1851	750	0	0
Balance, being excess of expenditure to be provided for by assessment in 1853	2739	11	7¾
Total	£10,192	13	5

EXPENDITURE.

1. Balance, being excess of expenditure, 31st Dec. 1851, per account published	3807	8	2½
2. Sheriff for miscellaneous services, exclusive of those connected with the Jury Law	224	19	9
3. Clerk of the Peace, miscellaneous services, exclusive of those connected with the Jury Law	147	12	8
4. Coroners, for services	126	8	6
5. Inquest expenses, that is professional evidence and post mortem examinations, including mileage, &c.	30	4	0
6. Members of the County Council, mileage and allowances	466	11	9
7. Salaries of County Officers, that is Treasurer, Warden, County Clerk, Engineers, Jailer and Turn-Keys, High Constable, Housekeeper, School Superintendants, Auditors, &c., &c.	1007	16	9
8. Bounty for the destruction of Wolves	18	0	0
9. Constables for services	358	4	6½
10. Assessors, being arrears of 1850	61	17	6
11. Printing, advertising and Stationary	231	19	0
12. Jail expenses, exclusive of repairs to building, and salaries of Jailer and Turnkeys	135	9	1¼
13. Repairs of County Buildings	673	10	8
14. Jury expenses, that is Sheriff £278 0s 3d., Clerk of the Peace, £349 11s. 3d.; Selectors, £318 10s. 9d.; Grand Jury, £252 10s. 0d.; Petit Jury, £599 9s. 0d.	1708	1	3
15. County Board of Public Instruction, printing, advertising, &c.	44	12	9½
16. Miscellaneous charges, such as Fees to Criers of Sessions, and Court of Queen's Bench, Wood for Court House, Light Premiums of Insurance, Postages, and articles and charges not in foregoing classification	285	17	1
Interest on temporary accommodation at the Bank	143	11	9
Crown or Indigent Witnesses	16	7	7
Non-resident Tax Account for this amt., for Memorial, &c., for Lot sold in Error	0	19	6
County Tax Account for amount credited in Error	13	1	1
Total	£10,192	13	5

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MUNICIPALITY OF ALBION.

Dr.				Cr.			
To Balance on hand last year,	119	4	9½	By Cash paid Treasurer of School Tax, 1851,	105	9	9
" Receipt on non-Resident Tax,	31	14	9	" Cash paid Treasurer School Grant, 1852,	84	14	6¾
" School Grant, for 1852,	84	14	6¾			190	4	3¾
" An Account of School Tax for 1852,	85	0	0	" Cash paid Treasurer non-Resident Tax, 1851,		13	15	0
				" Balance on hand,		116	14	9½
	£320	14	1¼			£320	14	1¼

Dr. MUNICIPALITY OF BROCK. Cr.

To Balance non-Resident Tax 1851			14 13 0	By Cash paid Treasurer School Tax, 1851		88 10 3	
" do School Tax do.	88 10 3			" Cash paid Treasurer School Grant, 1852		69 12 6¼	
" School Grant, 1852	69 12 6¼			" Cash paid Treasurer School Tax, 1852		88 10 4	
" School Tax, 1852	88 10 4						246 13 1¼
		246 13 1¼		" Cash paid Treasurer non-Residents, 1851			14 13 0
" Non-Residents Tax		88 9 3¼		" Balance on hand			88 9 3¼
		£349 15 4¾					£349 15 4¾

Dr. MUNICIPALITY OF CALEDON. Cr.

To Balance non-Resident Tax 1851	31 17 2			By Cash paid Treasurer on account of School Taxes		87 19 8	
" Non-Residents Tax received '52	47 13 11			" Cash paid Treasurer School Grant		73 7 4¼	
		79 11 1		" Cash paid Treasurer School Tax		88 4 3	
" Balance School Fund, 1851	79 12 9¾						249 11 3¼
" do do Tax, 1851	7 19 8			" Cash paid Treasurer non-Residents Tax, 1851			32 0 8
" School Grant, 1852	73 7 4¼			" Balance on hand			47 3 2¼
" Do Taxes, 1852	88 4 3						
		249 4 0¾					
		£328 15 1¾					£328 15 1¾

Dr. MUNICIPALITY OF CHINGUACOUSY. Cr.

To Balance non-Residents Tax, 1851			0 11 7	By Cash paid Treasurer School Grant, 1852			147 16 5¾
" To non-Residents Tax, 1852			5 3 1	" Balance on hand			161 8 9
" School Grant, 1852	147 16 5¾						
" do Tax, 1852,	155 14 1						
		303 10 6¾					
		£309 5 2½					£309 5 3¾

Dr. MUNICIPALITY OF ETOBICOKE. Cr.

To Balance non-Besident Tax, 1851			0 2 9	By Cash paid Treasurer School Tax, 1851		77 8 8	
" Balance School Tax, 1851	77 8 8			" Cash paid Treasurer School Grant, 1852		67 9 9½	
" School Tax, 1852	77 12 9						144 18 5½
" School Grant, 1852,	67 9 9½			" Balance on hand,			77 15 6
		222 11 2½					
		£222 13 11½					£222 13 11½

Dr. MUNICIPALITY OF GWILLIMBURY NORTH. Cr.

To balance Non-residents Tax, 1851	10 0 11¼			By Cash paid Assignees of John Boyer's Estate, redemption of land sold in error			3 10 9
" Non-residents Tax, 1852	57 10 6¼			By Cash paid Treasurer balance School Tax, 1851		25 13 3	
		67 11 5½		By Cash paid Treasurer School Grant, 1852		21 12 7¾	
" Balance School Tax, 1851	25 13 3½						47 5 10¾
" This amount on account School Tax 1852	12 10 0			By Cash paid the Treasu er, Non-residents Tax, 1851			10 0 11½
" School Grant, 1852	21 12 7¾			By balance on hand			66 9 9¾
		59 15 11½					
		£127 7 4¾					£127 7 4¾

Dr. MUNICIPALITY OF GWILLIMBURY EAST. Cr.

To balance Non-residents Tax 1851	5 3 10½			By Cash paid Treasurer balance of School Fund 1851		61 2 6	
" Non-residents Tax, 1852	66 4 0½			" Cash paid Treasurer, School Grant 1852		63 9 5¼	
		71 7 10½		" Cash paid Treasurer, School Tax, 1852		61 5 11	
" Balance School Fund, 1851	61 2 6						185 17 10¼
" School Grant, 1852	63 9 5¼			" Cash paid Treasurer Non-residents Tax, 1851			5 3 10½
" " Tax, 1852	61 5 11			" Balance on hand			66 4 0½
		185 17 10¼					
		£257 5 8¾					£257 5 8¾

Dr. MUNICIPALITY OF GEORGINA. Cr.

To balance Non-resident Tax 1851	10 9 1			By Cash paid Treasurer School Grant 1852		19 17 9¾	
" Non-residents Tax 1852	59 5 10½			" Cash paid Treasurer School Tax 1852		20 12 7	
		69 14 11½					40 10 4¾
" School Grant 1852	19 17 9¾			" Cash paid Treasurer Non-residents Tax 1851			10 9 1
" School Tax 1852	20 12 7			" Balance on hand			59 5 10½
		40 10 4¾					
		£110 5 4½					£110 5 4½

Dr. MUNICIPALITY OF KING. Cr.

To balance Non-residents Tax 1851	12 8 4			By Cash paid Treasurer School Tax		152 13 10	
" Non-residents Tax 1852	31 19 2			" Cash paid Treasurer School Grant 1852		127 14 8½	
		44 7 6					280 8 6½
" Balance School Fund 1851	161 4 3½			" Cash paid Treasurer Non-residents Tax 1851			12 8 4
" School Tax 1852	153 5 8			" Balance on hand			193 15 3½
" School Grant 1852	127 14 8½						
		442 4 8					
		£486 12 2					£486 12 2

Dr. MUNICIPALITY OF MARA AND RAMA. Cr.

To balance Non-residents Tax 1851		15	1	10½	By Cash paid on account Non-residents Tax			28 18 3
" Non-residents Tax 1852		167	1	2½	" Cash paid W. C. McMullen, School Tax 1851	14	9 7	
		182	3	1½	" Cash paid Teachers No. 2 & 3, out of School Grant, 1852	7	0 0	
" Balance School Tax 1851		14	9	7				21 9 7
" School Grant 1852		27	15	4½	" Balance on hand			174 0 2½
		422	4	11½				
	£	224	8	0½		£		224 8 0½

Dr. MUNICIPALITY OF MARKHAM. Cr.

To Balance School Fund, 1851		178	1	5	By Cash paid Treasurer Balance School Fund, 1851	178	5 7	
" School Grant, 1852		137	11	10	" Cash paid Treasurer School Grant, 1852	137	11 10	
" Do Taxes, 1852		178	15	0				315 17 5
		494	8	3	" Balance on hand			178 10 10
	£	494	8	3		£		494 8 3

Dr. MUNICIPALITY OF PICKERING. Cr.

To Balance non-Residents Tax, 1851		5	8	5	By Cash paid Treasurer Balance School Fund, 1851	159	13 0	
" Non-Residents Tax, 1852		5	18	1	" Cash paid Treasurer School Grant, 1852,	133	6 8½	
		11	6	6				292 19 8½
" Balance School Fund, 1851		159	13	0	" Cash paid Treasurer non-Residents Tax, 1851			5 8 5
" This amount on Account of School Tax, 1852		112	5	10	" Balance on hand			118 3 11
" School Grant, 1852		133	6	8½				
		405	5	6½				
	£	416	12	0½		£		416 12 0½

Dr. MUNICIPALITY OF REACH. Cr.

To Balance of non-Resident Tax, 1851		28	3	4½	By Cash paid Treasurer School Tax, 1851	70	15 0½	
" Non-Resident Tax, 1852		83	5	9	" Cash p'd Treasurer on account of School Grant, 1852	77	2 6½	
		111	9	1½				147 17 7½
" Balance of School Tax, 1851		70	15	0½	" Cash paid Treasurer, non-Residents Tax, 1851			28 3 4½
" This amount on account of School Taxes, 1852		72	0	0	" Balance on hand			163 10 0½
" School Grant, 1852		85	6	10				
		228	1	10½				
	£	339	11	0		£		339 11 0

Dr. MUNICIPALITY OF SCOTT. Cr.

So Balance non-Residents Tax, 1851		30	6	0¾	By Cash paid Treasurer School Tax, 1851,	14	8 10	
" Non-Residents Tax, 1852		158	12	1	" Cash paid Treasurer School Grant, 1852	20	6 11	
		188	18	1¾	" Cash paid Treasurer School Tax, 1852	14	9 7	
" Balance School Tax, 1851		11	8	10				49 5 4
" This amount on account of School Tax, 1852		14	9	7	" Cash paid Treasurer non-Resi-			30 6 0¾
" School Grant, 1852		20	6	11	" Balance on hand			153 12 4
		49	5	4				
	£	238	3	5¾		£		233 3 5¾

Dr. MUNICIPALITY OF SCARBORO. Cr.

To Balance non-Residents Tax, 1851		5	16	7	By Cash paid Treasurer, School Tax, 1851,	81	5 0	
" Non-Residents Tax, 1852		4	12	11	" Cash paid Treasurer School Grant, 1852	83	17 1¾	
		10	9	6				165 2 1¾
" Balence School Tax, 1851		81	5	0	" Cash paid Treasurer non-Resi- Tax, 1851			5 16 7
" School Tax, 1852		81	9	3	" Balance on hand			86 2 2
" Do Grant, 1852		83	17	1¾				
		246	11	4¾				
	£	257	0	10¾		£		257 0 10¾

Dr. MUNICIPALITY OF TORONTO. Cr.

To balance Non-residents Tax 1851		0	12	9	By Cash paid Treasurer School Tax 1851	175	14 8	
" Non-residents Tax 1852		7	2	6¼	" Cash paid Treasurer School Grant 1852	149	4 2¼	
		7	15	3¼				324 18 10½
" School Taxes of 1851		1	5	14 8	" Balance on hand			107 15 3¼
" School Grant of 1852		149	4	2¼				
" This amount on account School Tax 1852		100	0	0				
		424	18	10¾				
	£	432	14	1½		£		432 14 1½

Dr. MUNICIPALITY GORE OF TORONTO. Cr.

To balance Non-residents Tax 1851		0	9	11½	By Cash paid Treasure School Taxes 1851	53	9 9	
" Non-residents Tax 1852		1	16	11	" Cash paid Treasurer School Grant 1852	36	0 5	
		2	6	10½				89 10 2
" School Taxes of 1851		53	9	9	" Balance on hand			55 19 5½
" School Taxes of 1852		53	12	7				
" School Grant of 1852		36	0	5				
		143	2	9				
	£	145	9	7½		£		145 9 7½

Dr. MUNICIPALITY OF THORAH. Cr.

To balance Non-residents Tax 1851		8 13 3½		By Cash paid Treasurer School Tax 1851		23 18 10	
" Non-residents Tax 1852		15 0 2		By Cash paid Treasurer School Grant 1852		22 13 7½	
			23 13 5½				46 12 5½
" School Tax 1851		23 18 10		" Cash paid Treasuer Non-residents Tax 1851			8 13 3½
" School Grant 1852		22 13 7½		" Balance on hand			15 0 2
			46 12 5½				
			£70 5 11				£70 5 11

Dr. MUNICIPALITY OF UXBRIDGE. Cr.

To balance Non-residents Tax 1851		41 10 7½		By Cash paid Treasurer School Tax of 1851		30 13 10	
" Non-residents Tax 1852		123 16 11½		" Cash paid Treasurer School Grant 1852		45 6 6¾	
			165 7 6¾				75 19 10¾
" Balance School Tax 1851		30 13 10		" Cash paid Treasurer Non-residents Tax 1851			41 10 7½
" This amount on account of School Tax 1852		15 0 0		" Balance on hand			138 16 11¼
" School Grant 1852		45 6 6¾					
			90 19 10¾				
			£256 7 5½				£256 7 5½

Dr. MUNICIPALITY OF VAUGHAN. Cr.

To balance from 1851			216 11 4½	To Cash paid Sundries School Fund			302 11 0
" School Grant 1852		152 11 1		" Cash paid J. Ashdown Non-resident Tax			4 9 0
" School Tax 1852		171 6 6		" Balance on hand			245 14 6¾
			323 17 7				
" Non-resident Tax 1852			12 5 7¼				
			£552 14 6¾				£552 14 6¾

Dr. MUNICIPALITY OF WHITCHURCH. Cr.

To Balance Non-Residents Tax, 1851		12 18 4½		By Cash paid J. Bagot, over paid, 1851			9 8 1
" Non-Residents Tax, 1852		58 16 0		" Cash paid J. Bagot, School Grant, 1852		91 2 5	
			71 14 4½	" Cash paid J. Bagot, School Tax 1852		93 6 3	
" School Grant, 1852		91 2 5					184 8 8
" Do Tax, 1852		93 6 3		" Cash paid J. Bagot, non-Resident Tax, 1851			12 18 4½
			184 8 8	" Balance on hand			58 16 0
" This am't from County Funds being too much paid by Treasurer, 1851			9 8 1				
			265 11 1½				£265 11 1½

Dr. MUNICIPALITY OF WHITBY. Cr.

To Balance non-Residents Tax, 1851		0 16 3		By Cash paid Treasurer School Tax, 1851		137 18 1	
" To non-Residents Tax, 1852		8 13 8		" Cash paid Treasurer School Grant, 1852		158 5 1	
			9 9 11				296 3 2
" School Tax, 1851		137 18 1		" Balance on hand			79 8 2
" This amount on account of School Tax, 1852		69 18 3					
" School Grant, 1852		158 5 1					
			366 1 5				
			£375 11 4				£375 11 4

Dr. MUNICIPALITY OF YORK. Cr.

To Balance from 1851			151 6 2	By Cash paid Sundries School Fund			395 10 1
" Balance School Tax, 1851		66 12 2		" Balance on hand			206 0 5½
" This amount on account of School Tax, 1852		185 0 0					
" School Grant, 1852		198 12 2½					
			450 4 4½				
			£601 10 6½				£601 10 6½

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Treasurer,
United Counties York, Ontario and Peel.

The Auditors beg leave to report, for the information of the inhabitants of the United Counties of York, Ontario and Peel, that they examined the Treasurers Accounts for the year 1852, carefully, and have much pleasure in stating that they found them correct and satisfactory, the disbursements agreeing with the vouchers produced.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

N. GATCHELL, }
R. MOORE. } *Auditors.*